



Fairfield College

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Kia ora e te whaanau

Thank you for your understanding and support for the staff only day that we engaged in today. We found the time to be extremely valuable and it has placed us in a much stronger position to deliver distance learning. There are still a lot of learning that needs to take place but we are looking forward to the distance learning trial that we will run on Wednesday March 25. I also want to clarify that the 9:30am start for all students only applies to Tuesday. School will start at the normal time on the other four days (both of these points were discussed in the correspondence that I sent to whaanau yesterday).

All letters that I have sent in reference to Covid-19 can be viewed on the school website: <https://www.faircol.school.nz/>.

From our learnings today we can confirm that the school will provide online distance learning primarily through a Google Classroom platform. To learn more about Google Classrooms please view the following you-tube link. Please note this is an American production: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Iowi-gmbys>

What can parents do to get ready for online distance learning?

1. Check their online access at home. Is there sufficient wifi or cellular data access? Are there devices that student(s) can access for learning? With the current Covid-19 situation, many data providers (Spark, Vodafone, Slingshot) are providing assistance to families in need. Please check with your provider if you only have cellular access, they may be able to assist. Fairfield College may be able to assist with access to devices if this is required. Please contact Fairfield College if you need support to access a digital device: brownl@fairccol.school.nz
2. If using a computer, ensure that students can login to their school Google account on a Chrome browser. This is their school email address: jsmith@faircol.nz and their normal school password. They will be able to access their emails from the gmail app on their google account. They will also be able to access and use the Google Classroom website.
3. If using a tablet or phone, ensure they have the **gmail** and **google classroom** apps installed and logged in with their school email address. There may be other apps that should be installed as well. This would include the **Schoolappnz** for the Fairfield College app and **Education Perfect** app.
4. Some teachers, especially in Y12 and Y13 classes, may have Messenger groups for communication between the class and the teacher. In the event of an extended school closure, some teachers may utilise video-



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conferencing tools like **zoom** or **google hangouts** to offer direct instruction and help.

Over the last several days we have encouraged students to download the following Apps to assist them to more readily engage in distance learning. I encourage you to follow up with students to ensure that the Apps have been downloaded.

Key apps for students to have on their phone:



We will also be providing non-digital work for students that are unable to access the internet. We will provide this work to them as a package on Tuesday March 24.

Thank you for your continued support. It is something that we do not take for granted and we value it tremendously.

Naaku noa, naa

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