



## **COVID-19 Alert Level 3 continuation UPDATE**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Kia ora Parents and whānau

A brief update from today's announcement by the Minister of Education.

For Years 1-8, the Minister has given a tentative date for school to return to be 15<sup>th</sup> November. This is not a confirmed date, and I am merely just updating you now to keep you informed. As always, I will give you a further update after we know more. BUT can I also say now that when we do return it will be different and we will initially have a focus on wellbeing, being joyful and together again with friends. Learning will continue in varying forms but will not be the priority. I wanted you all to understand this well in advance.

This means nearly ALL students continue to remain at home, learning from a distance, and form teachers will continue to be in touch on a daily basis with their google meets and phone calls and emails from now until then, or whatever the confirmed date is. Can I also reiterate what I have said to you all in my communication with you: That is - if the distance-learning programme is adding stress in your household and things are at a tipping point, then 'flag it'. There will be no judgement from us. We will pick things up when life returns to 'normal' and all will be well.

We are ever mindful that each family faces a unique set of circumstances, so please do take care and let us know if there is anything you need, and that we can help you with, to support you and your tamariki during this time.

Can I also suggest, if you are not already vaccinated that you do so! THIS is the only way that we keep each other safe! I for one, along with many of our staff, are fully vaccinated, and it does my heart good to know that I am not infecting others. Please do your part too!

A massive thank you in advance for all your support and goodwill.

Kia kaha and faamalosi whānau!

Ngā mihi

Iain Taylor  
Principal