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

Wednesday 20th October 2021

Kia ora Parents and whānau

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

From Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October students in Years 11-13 are able to return to school, on site.

For Years 1-10, the cabinet are meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October to make that decision. For now, we still do not know when we will be returning to school, so distance learning continues as it is now. I will give you an update after we know more next Tuesday.

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. 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

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