

I hope all of you are well and that students are looking forward to returning to school. Thank-you to staff and students for the online Mahi and whanau for connecting with teachers and whanau teachers and working with us to distribute devices and hard copies. Kotahitanga gave us a strong sense of community, all of us working together as one.

The Prime Minister announced yesterday that we will be moving to Alert Level 2 and schools can reopen from Thursday 9th September. To prepare for students' return we are having a Teacher Only Day on Wednesday 8th September to ensure our classrooms are set up under Level 2 conditions. The cleaners have been in for a few days now cleaning all surfaces in preparation for the school to re-open. The experience of lockdown and distance learning have been markedly different for each of us. There will be an adjustment period as we get classroom learning back up to speed. Our focus will be on re-establishing relationships, routines and expectations.

As such we will reopen our school as follows

- **Year 7,8,11,12,13** will return to school on **Thursday 9th September. Year 9 and 10 will continue with distance learning on this day.**
- **All students** will be able to attend school on **Friday 10th September**

The **return of school laptops and chromebooks** is essential for us to continue learning programmes at school. Therefore, we appreciate your support in following the programme of return that follows:

- Year 7 and 8 to their teachers Thursday September 9th
- Year 11 Period 1 9:00 to Hall Thursday September 9th
- Year 12 Period 1 9:30 to Hall Thursday September 9th
- Year 13 Period 2 10:00 to Hall Thursday September 9th
- Year 9 Period 1 9:00 to Hall Friday September 10th
- Year 10 Period 1 9:30 to Hall Friday September 10th

The Ministry of Education is working with the Ministry of Health to turn the new Health Order into guidance for schools. When we receive this information I will send out the Health and Safety guidelines that will take place at Wairoa College.

Link to the [Ministry of Education Alert Guidelines for Level 2](#)

Please contact me directly if you have any concerns

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