

Kia ora koutou,

Monday 23rd August was a very busy day as staff were given permission from the Ministry of Education to enter the school site and issue devices and hard copy work to students and whānau using health and safety precautions. We issued around 200 devices and over 200 hard copy packs. We do not know how long we will be in lockdown but last year we did not get back to teaching face to face until alert Level 2. Although we are in Level 4 until Friday 27th August we may still be distance learning for a while and it is better to be prepared. I would like to thank caregivers and students for coming into school to receive your work and for wearing masks, adhering to social distancing and following the pick-up schedule.

We have set up our **Online timetables** for learning. We have initially made a two week plan starting Tuesday 24th August. Throughout the week there is a slot for most subjects whereby a student can have a Teams meeting with their subject teacher. If students do not have a device or internet they can just continue with their hardcopy work. They can still email their teacher via their phone if they are having issues. All staff email addresses are on our school website. Teachers can only be contacted between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

### **Reminders regarding access to Online Learning**

Access to your school device - Use "WC" account, password: @wairoac

Access to school gmail: Username: school email address (The first part of the email address is the year the student started at Wairoa College, followed by the first 3 letters of their last name, then the first 3 letters of their first name. All emails end with @wairoacollege.school.nz e.g. John Smith who started at Wairoa College in 2019, [19smijoh@wairoacollege.school.nz](mailto:19smijoh@wairoacollege.school.nz)). Password: password used for network access.

Access to Microsoft Office Teams - Username: School email address (see above), Password: password used for network access at school (unless it has been reset)

Access to Education Perfect - Username: School email address (see above), Password: An initial temporary password should have been emailed to you. You can have a new password sent to you by email by selecting forgot/reset password. Your teachers can also reset your password for you.

Access to MyMahi is at <https://mymahi.co.nz/> Student access via Google using school email address

### **If you still need work for your child**

Please ensure that if you need extra help or other resources please access the Ministry of Education website at the link below for more support:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/#LearningFromHome>

The Learning from Home website has print-friendly, online resources that parents and whānau can use. These resources are available at the [Supporting learning from home resources](#) page on Learning from Home.

Home Learning TV can be [accessed On Demand here](#) or via the TVNZ App on a device (mobile phone, smart TV or tablet).

Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora can be accessed on demand from Māori TV for primary-aged tamariki and here for secondary school rangatahi.

## Health and Wellbeing

Deans, whānau teachers and class teachers will be in contact this week. If you are at all concerned for your child's well being please let us know how we can support you. Our counsellor –Andrew Scotson (aas@wairoacollege.school.nz), will remain available to students at this time. Students can also contact our school nurse Robyn who is also available to be contacted on Thursday and Friday this week. Please contact Merena Gavan Assistant Principal (mlg@wairoacollege.school.nz) for Robyns contact details. Please follow this link to some advice from the Mental Health Foundation: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/>

Further support: 1737 - free text or call for confidential counselling If you have immediate concern for your child's safety call the Emergency Mental Health number – 0800 112 334 to talk to a mental health clinician.

## Scholarships and applications to tertiary

To our Year 13 students please use this time to talk with whānau about plans for next year. If you are intending to go to University please ensure you have enrolled in your course and completed your hostel application and looked at the Scholarships available at the tertiary institution that you have chosen, these are usually on the home page. If you are looking at scholarships or financial assistance please contact:

Mr Westwood- [pjw@wairoacollege.school.nz](mailto:pjw@wairoacollege.school.nz) or Mrs Hayward [KH@wairoacollege.school.nz](mailto:KH@wairoacollege.school.nz). This is a priority with deadlines for some of these scholarships being at the end of August.

## Food and Medical Support

We know some families in our community may be finding it difficult to access food and essential items such as medicine. If you are requiring support please contact me or your dean so we can work with you.

## Important

- Keep checking the website for the latest updates [www.wairoacollege.school.nz](http://www.wairoacollege.school.nz)
- For IT support go to the website under the Covid-19 Tab and follow the Help Guide For Online Learning. If you are still having trouble please email Kimberley Mahy [ksm@wairoacollege.school.nz](mailto:ksm@wairoacollege.school.nz) or Guy Taylor [wc@wairoacollege.school.nz](mailto:wc@wairoacollege.school.nz).
- **Year 7 and 8 Distance Learning Plan**
  - Students can access the Wairoa College Year 7 and 8 website <https://sites.google.com/wairoacollege.school.nz/year7and8department/>.
  - For some of the Year 7&8 classes they can access their own class websites and work within Microsoft Teams. Any issues contact your child's classroom teacher.
  - Year 7 & 8 students also have access to Code Avengers. Any issues with logging in please contact Mr Oosthuizen at [jmo@wairoacollege.school.nz](mailto:jmo@wairoacollege.school.nz).
  - Some student classes and groups involved with current reading trials will be able to log on to My Lexia (Core 5 or Power Up) or Reading Plus platforms- recommended at least 4 hours per week. Teachers have issued log on details and passwords. If students have forgotten these login details they can email Mrs Broomfield [djb@wairoacollege.school.nz](mailto:djb@wairoacollege.school.nz) or contact their teacher.

- If students do not currently have access to a device they can read a book, bake, be physically active, make something or write a story and/or complete the hardcopy pack if they have some. We do not want to make this hard so do what is possible for you and your family.
- Go to the website under the Covid-19 Tab you will see the Years 7-8 Online timetables



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