



12 August 2020

Kia ora koutou,

As you will be aware by now, the Prime Minister has announced that all regions other than Auckland are to be at Alert Level 2.

I emailed last night to outline the main practices we will be following at Alert Level 2.

At school we want to “play it safe”, so this means:

- water fountains will be turned off (please bring your own water bottle)
- you should keep 1m away from others (physical distancing rule of not feeling anyone else's breath)
- you will need to sign in on a contact tracing sheet if you enter any school buildings (classrooms and office)
- if you have compromised health issues or are unwell, you should stay at home (self-isolate)
- students will need to sanitise when they first enter classrooms (students may bring their own sanitiser to school, but it will continue to be provided at school also)
- masks are not compulsory at alert level 2.

Conferences will go ahead as planned on Wednesday and Thursday.

There are no limits on social gatherings for schools, but as we did previously, we will be "playing it safe" so will not hold full school assemblies until Level 1 is reinstated for our region.

SPORTS INFO:

Different sport organisations are contacting us to let us know whether sport is going ahead over the next few days. So far, netball, basketball, hockey and badminton have confirmed that games will NOT be happening.

Please see the information over the page from the Ministry of Education.

We will use eTap email to keep you informed, but understand that not everyone has email access. We will also send notices home to ensure that everyone has full information.

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Tumuaki.

Information from the Ministry of Education today is as follows:

All of New Zealand excluding Auckland region

Alert Level 2 applies from midday today.

- At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school and early learning. There will be appropriate precautions in place.
- Children and staff who are at higher-risk of severe illness are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.
- Please be alert to illness and ask anyone who is presenting as unwell to go home, or ask parents and caregivers to come and pick the child up.
- Messaging about good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette to be reinforced.
- Soap and water is very appropriate for washing hands, particularly if hand sanitiser stocks are low.
- For schools, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).
- Support your community by displaying the QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.