

COVID-19 UPDATE

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents and Whānau

Apologise for this longer than normal bulletin but this is intended to both inform and reassure you about how things are going to look under COVID-19 Alert Level 3.

- As you will have heard, New Zealand will move to Alert Level 3 as at 11:59pm on Monday 27 April. The current plan is for schools to be open for Years 9 and 10 students only and only for those whose families need to have their children supervised. Alert level 3 asks us to work and learn from home if at all possible. The key message for you as parents is that if you can, keep your child at home.
- The school will be open for those students who cannot remain at home from Wednesday 29 April. Cleaning and other site preparation is underway for this to happen at HPC.
- In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating under strict enforcement of health and safety measures, including bus travel. Any student who ignores or breaches our health and safety requirements will be asked to remain at home.
- The online learning that we have set up will continue. We appreciate the feedback we are getting and making adjustments as we go.
- The following are some draft guidelines on arrangements we are making for those who need to physically attend school. Please read these carefully. Students need to understand that attending school is not simply an opportunity to be with friends again.

Moving to Level 3 Guidelines

- All parents who are required to be at work, will need to 'register' students for physically attending school. Refer to Registration notes at the bottom of this email. Students must be registered and have received a response from the school before using school buses or arriving at school.
- Students will not be permitted to travel on a school bus or enter the school grounds unless they are registered.
- Tuesday 28 April is a Teacher Only Day. School will be open for Year 9 and 10 students only who need to attend school from Wednesday 29 April.
- Students travelling by bus must sanitise their hands before entering and on leaving the bus and sit at the required distance apart. Hand sanitiser will be provided. We will ensure that social distancing will be in place during bus travel. Students must be registered to be able to travel. Students not registered will not be permitted on the bus.
- Students will stay in their 'bus bubble' for the entire day and in no more than groups of 10 students in a bubble. This includes as they arrive at school, while being supervised for their online learning and during break times. The same applies for students who walk to school or come by private car. A classroom and outdoor space will be allocated for each bubble.
- Students at school will continue their online learning. Several staff will be allocated a bubble for the duration of Alert Level 3 and will supervise these students for their online learning and break times.
- Students who have been issued with Chromebooks will need to bring these to school if attending during Level 3. Students will be using the same Chromebook each day. Desks and Chromebooks will be cleaned regularly as will classrooms and other spaces.

- All students will continue with online learning including those who are registered to be on the school site. Please note that staff will supervise and support students in their online learning, but will not be preparing separate lessons for them.
- During break times, students must stay in their bubbles but will be given an option of an inside or outside activity. Bubbles will be spaced throughout the school and bubbles will be at all times as 10 metres from another bubble including lining up for buses.
- Students walking to and from school are to walk in their family bubbles only and must maintain the mandatory distance (1 metre inside and 2 metres outside).
- Students who are not well **must not** attend school. Students who become unwell at school will be isolated immediately and must be picked up by the parent / caregiver. If this is not an option for you as the parent / caregiver, then we ask that your child stay home in the interest of safety for everyone.

Registration for Onsite Learning (Years 9 and 10)

A reminder that if you can, keep your child at home. No student can travel by school bus or enter the school site without first completing registration. This will give us time to gather numbers both for bus travel and students on site so that the necessary arrangements can be made. We will be in further contact after your registration has been received.

If you require your child to be physically at school from Wednesday 29 April, a Google Form will be sent out later today to register your child. **This must be submitted by Thursday 23 April 3pm.** Any Google Forms not submitted by then will delay the time when your child can start school. The form will ask for the parent and child's name, contact number and travel arrangements e.g. bus, private car, walking to school.

Thank you for your cooperation with the above.

Kind regards

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