

HPC e-Bulletin

15 May 2020

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Dear parents and whānau

Back to School

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 18 May. Buses will be running as normal. School start time is 8:35am.

If you have not yet completed the Back to School survey, can you please do so using [this link](#)

Visitors to the main office: Please enter through the bus bay to the main entrance and follow the information on the signs i.e. distancing and hygiene expectations. Most important: if you are sick please don't visit the school - rather phone or email.

School Devices: For those students who have been issued with an HPC or Ministry of Education supplied device, we need these returned as soon as possible. We have sent out 200 devices to families and need as many of these need to be ready to go first thing Monday morning. If you are at all able, please return either today, Saturday 16 May or Sunday 17 May to the college hall. Someone will be available 9am to midday. Please remember to return the charger.

We also encourage students to bring their own device (Chromebook, Windows or Apple laptop, tablet) from home to use on our WiFi network. Students will benefit greatly from having access to their own device all day.

NCEA Update: There have been some adjustments regarding NCEA. At this stage external exams have been put back 10 days i.e. starting 16 November to give more time for preparation. We are also working on a strategy to ensure that all students are back on track as soon as possible with achieving their NCEA qualification.

Uniform: Appreciate that it will be difficult for many to organise winter uniform. We will have a transition period for two weeks to enable families to get uniform sorted. Please contact Hammer Hardware Ngatea for information. Phone 07 867 7393 or Email ngatea@hammerhardware.co.nz.

A reminder to students to bring homework diaries plus equipment and books for Monday periods 1 and 2 only for the first day back. With the increasing amount of teacher-made instructional videos and other supporting video resources, we also encourage all students to bring their own earphones or headphones if they have them.

Winter Sports: Next week all sporting codes will be following Level 1: *Get Ready* i.e. planning for a return to training and playing and putting into place protocols and practices to meet health requirements including hygiene (washing of hands and sanitising of equipment), contact tracing, facility access and physical distancing.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who supported the school's endeavours and kept in contact over this time. It showed us as a school how vital parents and whanau are to what the school is trying to achieve and we appreciated all the communication via emails and surveys. Thank you.

Students need to be as up to date as possible before Monday and ready to go.

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