

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents and Whānau

The current COVID situation is changing rapidly, hence a mid week bulletin to keep parents and whānau up to date, especially for those learning at home.

A reminder that any students who are 'crossing the border' or have household members who cross the border for work in Auckland, are needing to learn from home.

All teachers are putting work on **Google Classroom** for students to access at home. If you are having trouble with accessing Google Classroom please contact Jonathan O'Neill (jonathano@haurakiplains.school.nz)

If students have forgotten their **Classroom code** to access work, please email your teacher.

For any students who need Chromebooks or hard copy materials, please contact studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz

You may have heard on the news about arrangements that schools may make to enable NCEA **Levels 2 and 3 students** to return. This provision is essentially for Auckland schools who have no other students on site. After considering the stringent conditions, we cannot manage these students safely while other students are on site.

We appreciate that school work has suddenly become much harder for students impacted by the Auckland region going into Lockdown Level 3. Please be assured that on return, we are offering **catch up opportunities** including tutorials in November and early December for those still struggling to achieve their NCEA qualification.

We are also mindful of equity with regards to **Junior students** who are learning from home and this will be taken into account when grading assessments.

Wellbeing is an important consideration for students learning from home. The Ministry has some helpful tips for students for taking care of themselves on this site. While it is a school leavers toolkit, the advice is sound for all students. [Taking care of myself and others – School Leavers' Toolkit](#)

Students wearing face masks: If a student wants to wear a face mask, it must be a plain type with no graffiti or writing. The Student Centre has masks for those requiring it. See image of standard face mask.



Sports: Under guidance from Waikato Secondary Schools Sports Association, we are allowing teams to train as normal with local competitions running under the following conditions:

- Strict observance of hygiene practices
- Contact tracing in place
- No spectators at games

Thanks for observing these conditions so that it is safe for everyone. From our point of view, we want our students to be able to participate in sports as essential to wellbeing.

The **Whānau Hui** planned for Thursday 20 August has been postponed and hopefully will be held later in the term.

Mahurangi Exchange: Unfortunately we have had to cancel the annual exchange with Mahurangi which sits in the Auckland region.

Boulton Cup: Due to the area being in Alert Level 2 we have postponed the Boulton Cup until Wednesday 23rd September. It will still be held at the Hauraki Netball Centre.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about the current situation or about your student's learning.

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