

## Alert Level 3 Announcement

Dear Parents and Whānau  
Kia ora koutou

With today's announcement of a move to Alert Level 3 for this region from Tuesday midnight, the following is in place: Schools will remain closed except for the care of children of essential workers.

Students to learn from at home if possible. Distance learning will continue to be available for all students as per the arrangements that have been in place over this last week.

For those families where it is not possible for children to stay at home, the school will provide supervision for Years 9 and 10 students only from **Wednesday 1 September**. Please note that these students will not have their normal teacher; they will continue with the online learning at school. If you require your child to be supervised at school, please email [studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz) with your name, your child's name and the reason for your child needing supervision at school. This must be completed by Monday 30 August midday.

The school will put in place a number of health and safety measures as per Ministry Guidelines:

- A thorough clean will be done prior to the re-opening of school.
- School bubbles will be formed of no more than 20 students.
- Hand sanitiser to be used every time a student or staff member enters or leaves a room.
- Regular sanitising of surfaces e.g. desks, chairs and devices.
- The wearing of face masks is strongly encouraged but is not compulsory under current MOE guidelines .
- Everyone must maintain a two-metre physical distance outside and one metre inside.
- Visitors, including parents and caregivers, should maintain a two-metre distance.
- If there is any inappropriate behaviour, the parents/caregivers will be asked to come and uplift their child immediately. (Health and Safety is paramount in these times)
- Staggered break times.

Anyone who is self-isolating, or who has been advised by health authorities to remain at home while they wait for their COVID-19 test results must stay home.

Children at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home wherever possible.

With regard to online learning, we will stay with the current [Teaching and Learning from Home Timetable](#) . If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's Dean and we will do what we can to help.

A further supply of Chromebooks and hard copy materials have been couriered out today, but please be aware that there are delays with courier deliveries.

NZQA has informed us that external exams have been pushed back two weeks.

The best advice we can do is to ask students to keep doing their best with their learning. Please be assured that we will do whatever we need to do to ensure that students have the qualifications and the learning they need for their next step.

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