

## Back to School Update

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents and Whānau

We are looking forward to welcoming most of our students back on Thursday 9 September. River Guides will hold Google Meets with their students at 10:30am tomorrow; otherwise it is a catch up day and time for staff to prepare for the re-opening of school.

### Students in families with a member who crosses the Auckland border for work

We have been advised by the Ministry of Education (with advice from the Chief Medical Officer in the Waikato DHB) that there are no restrictions on households with a family member travelling to Auckland. The person travelling will be required to have regular tests (weekly) but there is no requirement for the family to do anything different. This means that these students are welcome to attend school from Thursday when school re-opens.

### Back to School Survey

Thank you to those parents / caregivers who have already filled in the [Back to School Survey](#). The information is invaluable, not only for planning, but also for identifying issues and how we can best help students from here. If you haven't already done so, we would appreciate you helping us in this way.

### Students in the Auckland Region

Those students who remain locked down in the Auckland area are in a really challenging situation and we will do all we can to support these students. Part of our preparation time tomorrow is devoted to how we can continue to best support these students in this situation. We will send out a further bulletin to those families tomorrow regarding strategies we will put in place.

### Timetable

Both students back at school and those still learning from home will follow the normal block school timetable i.e. three subjects per day.

### Chromebooks

For those students who have been issued with an HPC Chromebook, we need students to return these when they return to school. Students need to bring these to the Student Centre on arrival.

### Buses

We have received this information regarding how buses will run from Thursday until further notice.

- Students need to be at their bus stop 5 minutes before the normal pick up time
- Some buses may be running a little late
- Students in a Level 4 area are not permitted to catch any bus

### Mangatangi Bus:

- There will be one express bus from Mangatangi Hall. This bus will also pick up the **Kaiaua Road** express bus students. NO bus will travel from Mangatangi School.

### Kaiaua/Orere Point:

- Students who are usually on the Orere Point part of the run and live between Kaiaua and the toilet area at Whakatiwai, will be picked up at their normal places.
- The rest of the Orere Point part of the run (beyond toilet area at Whakatiwai) will not occur as all these students are in level 4.
- Students on the Kaiaua section of the run will be picked up as normal.

All other buses will run as usual. Students on private buses will have been contacted by their operator.

### Wearing of Masks

While the wearing of masks is strongly recommended for the bus and at school, this is not mandatory and we understand that some students have reasons for not wearing a mask. This will be respected.

We will send out a further bulletin tomorrow with any updates that come to hand.

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