

Back to School Update

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents and Whānau

We are looking forward to welcoming most of our students back tomorrow Thursday 9 September. Much of this bulletin is a repeat of yesterday's in case you missed it.

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](#). If you haven't already done so, we would appreciate this being done so we understand the circumstances for each student and can respond accordingly.

Students in the Auckland region

Staff have discussed today how we can best support those students who are still in an Alert Level 4 situation. Teachers of these students will continue with the following:

- The work for the week will continue to be put on Google Classroom at the beginning of each week.
- Where possible, teachers will continue with Google Meets; these may be for just a few minutes for each lesson.
- We encourage students to email teachers whenever they have questions or concerns.
- Students will be given a buddy from each class as an extra support
- Extensions will be considered on a case by case basis. It is important that if a student requires an extension that he or she communicates this before the due date.
- For those students with practical subjects, we are looking at providing alternative standards and workbooks.

If there is any way we can further support students, please feel free to make contact.

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.

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.

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 Hall via the Student Centre side on arrival.

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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