

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers

## Update for Auckland / Waikato Alert Level 3 Families

### Boarding within Level 2

The advice on the Ministry of Health website has been updated (refer [Travel to your school hostel](#)) and after discussion with both Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health, the following is relevant to those families who are able to find boarding within the Alert Level 2 area.

Where it states “hostel”, this can be interpreted to be any boarding arrangement for the whole of Term 4 i.e it will be the student’s “normal residence” and does not include travelling backwards and forwards through the border during the term; the student must remain there for the remainder of their academic year depending on whether the student is senior or junior and if a senior student, until he or she has completed exams or his or her NCEA qualification. Please note that travel back and forth between family home and boarding place is not permitted until travel restrictions are withdrawn (for example, the Alert Level 3 region moves to Alert Level 2 - in which case the boarding requirement changes).

If as a parent, you do have a place for your child to board under these requirements, to pass through the border, you will require a letter from the school with the address of the boarding residence and a negative Covid test. To ensure everyone’s safety and to keep our records up to date (e.g for buses), the school is also needing the contact name and number at the residence, the expected date of travel through the border and a copy of the student’s negative Covid test. Please email Mary Aislabie ([marya@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:marya@haurakiplains.school.nz)) with this information.

According to the Ministry of Health, you do not need to apply for an exemption but will require the correct evidence at the border crossing (refer [Travel to your school hostel](#)).

### Practice Exams

Practice exams for seniors is happening next week. Teachers should have been in contact with Auckland students regarding arrangements for these in each subject. Some subject teachers are giving a practice paper to do; others are giving tasks which will contribute to evidence for grading. As we understand it, NZQA will have an announcement regarding external November exams for Auckland students over the next week or two. In the meantime, we encourage students to keep doing their best with the work that teachers are providing. Any work completed will contribute to the awarding of grades.

### Subject Selection Evening

We cannot hold the normal Subject Selection Evening (for Yr 11, 12 and 13 2022 students) under Alert Level 2. The Subject Selection Guides for each year level will be posted online (Google Classroom and as links in an e-bulletin) next week. We are also preparing a resource for each year level which will also be posted online. The resource will contain:

- An overview of important information that students needs to be thinking of when selecting subjects for the following year (Careers staff)
- A video link for each learning area. During a short video clip, the leader of each learning area will provide an overview of courses available for each subject area
- Email addresses of staff for further help with subject selection.

Kind regards  
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