

## Dear Parents and Whānau Kia ora koutou

Public Orders and rules around Covid are changing constantly. An update as it stands this morning.

Years 11 to 13 Auckland / Waikato students may cross through the border to a boarding arrangement for the remainder of the academic year. This will be different for students according to their situation e.g. Seniors who do not have exams and have completed NCEA qualification will finish on Wednesday 17 November 2021; Seniors with exams will be the day of their last external exam; Juniors will be after Junior Certificate / Diploma Prize Giving. If parents are considering the boarding option, please email with the contact number, address and a copy of a negative Covid test to ([marya@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:marya@haurakiplains.school.nz)). A letter will then be sent for you to use when crossing the border. For more details [refer to this link](#).

The announcement that Years 11 - 13 Auckland students may return to school after Labour weekend **does not apply to students who are living in a Level 3 zone but attend a Level 2 school**. Having said that, the Ministry of Education has indicated that a new Public Order is coming out later today which will address the situation that Auckland / Waikato students are now finding themselves in. A further bulletin will be sent out as soon as we are able to make sense of the new rules.

## Senior Practice Exams and Catch Up Day

Senior Practice Exams are happening next week. Students have timetables for these. For students who do not have external exams, it is business as usual in terms of classes; they have a timetable for that too.

Next **Friday 29 October** is a **Catch Up Day** for any students who need to be here to complete a missed exam, catch up on an assessment or have extra tutorial or workshop time. We will notify those students who are required to attend. Buses will run as normal.

## Year 9 Mates & Dates Programme

Mates & Dates is an ACC funded programme to support young people navigate happy and healthy relationships as they grow into adults and to prevent sexual violence. International research confirms that working with young people is one of the most effective ways of preventing sexual violence. It equips them with relationship skills and behaviours that they can carry with them throughout their life

Mates & Dates is about all kinds of relationships - including friends, family and whānau. The programme teaches students how to:

- Have healthy relationships built on respect, equality, and consent. This includes communication skills, problem solving and decision making skills.
- Exercise their rights and responsibilities related to consent and safety.
- Be critical of ideas in media about equality, gender, body image and sexualisation.
- Identify inappropriate and abusive behaviours.
- Access help from trusted adults and professionals in their community. Help seeking is for more than just abuse.
- Safely intervene in situations that could lead to harm.

If parents have any questions or do **not want your child to attend this programme** please contact School Counsellor Michelle Jones ([michellej@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:michellej@haurakiplains.school.nz))

## Junior Certificate and Diploma Credit Updates

These will be issued at River Time on Monday 1 November and will be available on the Parent Portal. Students will receive credit updates for Term 3 and also information regarding progress in their Junior Certificate / Diploma. Students in the Auckland / Waikato lockdown

area will have their credit update posted out to them.

## Subject Selection Evening

We cannot hold the normal Subject Selection Evening (for 2022 Year 11, 12 and 13 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 need 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.

## Sports Update

Under Waikato Secondary School Sports Rules, competitions involving both Level 2 and 3 participants will be on hold.

Competitions involving participants from schools all in Level 2 can commence. Under Alert Level 2 however, no spectators are permitted.

Because of the Alert Level 2 gathering rules, the annual Sports Prize Giving will take place as an assembly during the school day on Thursday 11 November 1:30pm. Only those students who are receiving awards will be involved. The event will be live streamed and available for viewing on our website facebook page.

## Maths Tutorials

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during lunchtime in Room 23 and / or Room 24

## Alert Level Boundary Map

This link will take you to [Alert Level Boundary Map](#) so you can check the Alert Level for your address. Simply type in your home address into the Address Search box, select your address from the options and click Search icon. It will then tell you in which Alert Level you are.

## Snoods

We have made snoods available with the HPC logo for students to wear especially given that face coverings are now mandatory on buses. They are light, made from a quick dry material that can be folded into multiple layers. There is no forgetting your mask, no more sore ears, no clogging up the dumps with disposable masks and as they stay around your neck they could be more hygienic. HPC Snoods are available from The Hub for \$5.00.

**Dog Box Barber** starting on Monday 1st November 9am - 12pm. Appointments email ([amandaf@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:amandaf@haurakiplains.school.nz)). First five bookings are free. Ex-student Rachel Broadbent is offering this service as a way to pay it back and pay it forward.

Enjoy the long weekend.

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