

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents / Whānau

Students in Auckland Alert Level 3 Years 9 and 10 :

The Minister Of Education has announced that students in Years 9 and 10 are able to return to school on site from mid next week. As every school and community is different, it has been left up to individual schools how to determine the best way to approach this to ensure that it is as safe as possible.

We know that it is vital that Years 9 and 10 students, who have been locked down for nearly 3 months, are able to return to face to face teaching and learning as soon as it is safely possible.

We have a number of factors to consider and are asking parents of students in **Auckland Alert Level 3** to fill out this brief [questionnaire](#). Please complete this by **Monday 9am**.

Once we have considered all perspectives, the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership will develop a plan to provide a further bulletin on Monday 15 November pm.

Because of the Senior Academic Prize Giving on Thursday 18 November, the earliest return to school for these students will be Friday 19 November. Should they return to school, Level 3 requirements such as wearing masks will be put in place.

Students in Waikato Alert Level 3 Years 9 and 10:

These students may return to school from Friday 19 November. Please email (maria@haurakiplains.school.nz) if you are intending for your child to return to school.

Senior Students in Auckland Alert Level 3 with external exams:

Senior students who are entered in Alert Level 3 are able to sit these exams at school and also attend school from Friday 19 November for tutorials.

In order to make suitable preparations at school, we need these students to email Inia Daymond who has responsibility for external exams (iniad@haurakiplains.school.nz).

A tutorial timetable will be emailed to all students and pushed out on Google Classrooms. Once we know how many students would like to take up the opportunity for tutorials, we will make transport arrangements.

Students need to be aware that in order to achieve a grade for an external assessment, they **must** sit the exam.

Year 9 and 10 Workbooks:

We have sent out a number of Ministry provided workbooks to students in lockdown who are struggling with online learning. Students need to keep a record of their work, which will contribute towards Junior Certificate / Diploma grades.

Senior Academic Awards Prize Giving:

This assembly is happening on Thursday 18 November, starting at 1:30pm. As with the Sports Prize Awards Assembly, a link will be emailed out via school-links and put on our website's Facebook page for the event. Award winners will be notified on Monday via email.

We are asking for as many juniors as possible to learn from home this day so that staff are able to attend the Senior Academic Awards Prize Giving.

Students who attend school, however, will be supervised for learning and buses will run as normal.

Student Vaccination Register:

The requirement to maintain a Student COVID Vaccination register is through a [Direction issued by the Secretary for Education](#) under the Education and Training Act 2020 Schedule 25, Clause 3.

The Direction requires all registered schools who enrol students over the age of 12 years to maintain an up-to-date register with the COVID-19 vaccination status of these (eligible) students.

The privacy statements (including an updated privacy statement for eligible students), sample registers and some FAQs are sitting on our [Education Counts website](#).

To assist with this requirement we are asking parents to fill out this [register](#).

Sports:

Thanks to those parents and whānau who joined our Sports Awards Prize Giving from home. Not quite the formality we are used to, but good to celebrate students' achievements nevertheless.

Sports 2022 Coaches and Managers the following sporting codes are currently being called for: Touch, Cricket, Rugby, Football, Hockey, Basketball and Netball. Please contact Cindy Berridge (sport@haurakiplains.school.nz) for an application form. Applications close 30 November 2021.

Appreciate there is a lot in this e-Bulletin regarding COVID requirements. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (principal@haurakiplains.school.nz)

Regards,

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