

Kia ora koutou  
Dear Parents / Whānau

## Important Information for Senior Students in the Waikato Lockdown Area

With the lifting of restrictions earlier this week, it is deemed safe for **senior students from the Waikato area with external exams and / or who need to complete NCEA assessments** to return to school from Monday 8 November. Please send through results of a COVID test within the last 7 days to ([marya@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:marya@haurakiplains.school.nz)). Please email ([principal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:principal@haurakiplains.school.nz)) if you want to take up this opportunity or for clarification if it applies to your child.

## 'Camp Adair' Auckland students

It was great to see those students who attended Camp Adair Hunua earlier this week. It was hard work but very rewarding. We will contact students individually for further days which are being planned.

## Students with NCEA Exams in Levels 1-3 English, Maths or Science

The Studylt forums are open and can support your students in preparing for end-of-year exams in NCEA Levels 1-3 English, Maths or Science. [Visit the Studylt website.](#)

The online learning platform has moderated forums for students to discuss NCEA achievement standards with other students and facilitators. General study and exam advice, including tips on how to study smart, are also available.

## Years 9 and 10 Students in Lockdown

After speaking with a number of parents, it is clear that the length of time of this lockdown is having a significant impact on learning and engagement for a number of students. While the online environment suits some, for others it is very challenging and de-motivating.

The priority is for students to keep up at least with some English and Maths. A very good resource for students to work from are the ESA Year 9 / 10 English and Mathematics books which can be purchased at these links: [Year 9 English](#), [Year 10 English](#), [Year 9 Maths](#), [Year 10 Maths](#). If students work through a few pages a day, it ensures that they are laying a good foundation for next year - this will be manageable for students and also allow parents to see that some work is being done. Please contact me ([principal@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:principal@haurakiplains.school.nz)) if you would like to know more. For those students who are managing to keep up with online work, well done and keep up the good work.

## Senior Subject Selection 2022

Students have received electronic copies of [Subject Guides for 2022](#) - Years 11, 12 and 13 and the [Subject Option Form](#). A powerpoint / video resource has been pushed out on google classrooms to assist with subject selection. Alternatively, you can click the following links to view these - [Year 11](#), [Year 12](#), [Year 13](#). For those students in locked down areas who require more assistance, especially Year 10s doing Subject Selection for the first time, please email Joy Carter who can help. ([joyc@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:joyc@haurakiplains.school.nz)). Subject Option Forms are due in on Wednesday 10 November.

## Boarding Offers for Locked Down Students

We have had several families offer boarding for the remainder of the school year for locked down students. If you would like to offer boarding or would like to consider taking up a boarding option for your child, please email Mary Aislabie ([marya@haurakiplains.school.nz](mailto:marya@haurakiplains.school.nz)). A boarding situation allows a student with a negative COVID test to cross the border to go to a boarding residence - it does not allow for daily crossing of the border.

## Student Vaccination Register

We have received an update on Student Vaccination Registers from the Ministry as follows: "We can confirm that the requirement to maintain (a student) 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, beginning Monday 1 November.

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

In the event eligible students have been vaccinated, evidence could include:

- a screenshot of their vaccination record on [My Covid Record](#) (for those 16 and over)
- a vaccination certificate (which can be requested from [the Ministry of Health](#))
- a letter from their GP

**Please note that any information gathered will be through parents / caregivers only. Students will not be asked for this information. We will send out further information next week.**

## Sports Awards Prize Giving

This will be held in the form of an assembly on Thursday 11 November at 1:30pm in the College Hall. Only those students receiving awards will attend; other students will be in class as normal. Under Alert Level 2 large gatherings which bring onsite outside people are not permitted. We will live stream the event and ensure that it is available for viewing. This will be sent out through our Facebook page, School-Links and School App. Students will be notified by email if they are receiving awards later this afternoon.

**Sports 2022 Coaches and Managers** for 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](mailto:sport@haurakiplains.school.nz)) for an application form. Applications close 30 November 2021.

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