

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents / Whānau

COVID Credits

Last year, NZQA set up 'COVID Credits' for senior students to compensate for the amount of time many students were required to learn from home. Effectively, this reduced the number of credits that students were required to achieve at each level.

Students need to be aware that this is unlikely to happen in 2022 as the expectation from the Ministry is that students are at school unless isolating or unwell for a brief period of time.

Students will need to ensure that they keep up with their work if isolating. If a student is too unwell to continue with their work online during a period of illness, it is important that the teacher is made aware of this via email so a plan can be put in place for the student to catch up on the work and any assessments.

Return to School Timeline after COVID Self-isolation

We have had a few instances where students who needed to isolate because they tested positive for COVID or were direct household contacts, returned to school before their isolation period was over.

The isolation period is 7 days with Day 1 the day after a positive result was returned or when the symptoms started. The positive case or household contact can return to school on Day 8 (after 7 full days of isolation).

To return to school the positive case must be symptom free on Day 8 and the household contact must have negative RAT tests on Day 3 and Day 7.

Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Positive test / symptoms start	First day isolating						Last day isolating	Return to school

Uniform Survey

From time to time, we receive suggestions from parents and students regarding the school uniform. The Board is keen to get feedback regarding some suggestions that have been made. [Attached](#) is a very short survey for this purpose. Comments and other suggestions are also welcome, as per survey.

Junior Report Evening

Junior Subject Reports will be issued on Friday 13 May. These cover Term one work. Years 9 and 10 Subject Teacher / Parent / Student Conferences will be held on Thursday 19 May. More details closer to the time. Senior reports will be issued later in the term.

Transition to Winter Uniform

From Monday this week until Friday, 13 May (Term 2 Week 2), we will have a transition period from summer to winter uniform. This will give families almost 6 weeks to get their children's winter uniforms sorted out. During this time students may wear either summer or winter uniform, but not a combination of both, e.g. no scarf with sandals. By Monday, 16 May all students are expected to be in the correct winter uniform.

Winter Shoes

The only acceptable winter school shoes, as indicated in our uniform requirements in the HPC Prospectus, are black leather lace-up school shoes with a heel of no more than 5 cm. There are already a number of students wearing incorrect school shoes - those may be advertised in the shoe store as school shoes, but they are not acceptable under our policy. Please make sure your children are in the correct footwear (see image).



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Student Leaders are hosting a Dawn Service on Monday 25 April at 6am for the local community. All welcome. First Sports Teams and Student Leaders are expected to attend.

Careers:

The Learner Drivers Licence course is running next Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 April. Students are required to bring two forms of ID (passport and birth certificate - original copies please) with them on Tuesday.

Up and coming University Liaison Visits / Online Presentations: Monday 11 April - Victoria 10:40am and Canterbury 12:50pm

Term 1 Holiday Tutorial

Mathematics tutorials for all year levels will be held on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 April in Room 23 from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Please email Denise Casey denisec@haurakiplains.school.nz to confirm your place.

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