

30 November 2021

Kia ora koutou

We hope this message finds you and your whanau well.



New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework

You will have heard that everyone in Aotearoa will move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework on Friday 3 December and Auckland is moving to Red.

What does this mean for the rest of 2021?

The guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Education state that we are to continue as we are for the rest of the year. This means we will continue to have staggered groups onsite to keep everyone safe.

However, the great news is that from 2022, we can confirm that everyone will be back onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red / Orange / Green). This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022.

Health measures in place at school

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation

And if we are at Red at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students and staff in years 4 – 13
- we will ask that only essential visitors come onsite.

Important information for the last two weeks of school:

We have had a number of parents asking about details for end of year events. Now that we have the direction from the ministry we can confirm the following details:

1. Prizegiving / Graduation

Unfortunately, this is not able to happen in the traditional way. Prizegiving will be pre recorded and shared as an online event for families to watch. We will be presenting all our trophies and awards as usual. We are aiming to send out the link to the presentation on Friday 10th December. Those students that are awarded prizes, will be able to visit the school office and pick up their awards. See below for details.

2. Students that are working from home - when can they collect their belongings?

Year 8 students: Monday 13th December between 8am and 11am

Year 7 students: Tuesday 14th December between 8am and 11am

Only students may come on site, they must scan in and wear a mask.

3. Reports / Prizes

Year 8 students:

- students onsite will be given these on Monday 13th December.
- students working from home can collect their report from their classroom and trophies from the school office on the same day between 8am and 11 am. Reports not collected will be posted.

Year 7 students:

- students onsite will be given these on Tuesday 14th December.
- students working from home can collect their report from their classroom and trophies from the school office on the same day between 8am and 11am. Reports not collected will be posted.

4. Finals days

Year 8 students' last day is Monday 13th December. They finish school at 12.30pm.

Year 7 students' last day is Tuesday 14th December. They finish school at 12.30pm.

Bayview / Beach Haven and Windy Ridge buses will run at 12.30pm.

No Sunnynook service will be available.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.

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