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Kia ora e te whanau

We are really excited and looking forward to seeing our students on Monday. We have spent the last few days preparing everything for our Level 2 return and our community can be assured we are set and ready to go.

Here's what Monday will look like for our students....

- Students will go to form time as usual. Form time will go for an extra 10 minutes to allow staff to outline some details (see below) around what Level 2 will look like for them. It will also provide time for any questions students may have.
- Following that it will be straight into Period 1 (starting at 9.10am). Period 1 and 2 will run for 55 minutes. Normal timetable for the rest of the day.

Below is the detail we will be sharing with all students during their first form time....

- If you are feeling unwell, stay at home. If you start feeling unwell while at school, please ask to go to the sick bay where you can be picked up and taken home.
- An emphasis is on hygiene across the entire school including the presence of sanitiser and disinfectant in every classroom. We would be appreciative if students brought their own hand sanitiser.
- Students should wash hands regularly, particularly before and after when they have shared equipment eg. workshop, music, Physical Education, Science.
- Social distancing is to be promoted but is predominantly the responsibility of students. Desks and tables will not be separated in class but where possible you should not be within "breath range" of other people eg. reading each other's phones, leaning over them in the classroom, sitting on couches, the senior common room, lining up at the canteen. Keep apart when you can.
- The canteen is up and running. We will be accepting Eft-Pos and cash.
- Timetable will continue as normal.
- Bring your own bottles of water to school. Drinking fountains will only be used for refilling water bottles.
- Don't share your personal equipment with other people eg. pens, food and drinks.

Below is some further information for parents and caregivers ...

- Parents who enter our site must sign our contact tracing register in the main office. We strongly recommend students get dropped off outside the school gate and walk to their classroom.

- Buses are running as normal. They are subject to different conditions than public transport and any queries need to be directed to the local office of the Ministry of Education.
- Please be vigilant around your child's health. If they are not well they are to stay at home.
- Our initial focus will centre on student wellbeing, recognising students will be arriving back having a multitude of experiences during the last seven weeks. We will not be judging students on what they have and haven't achieved during their online programmes.
- Students will be expected to be in correct uniform, clean shaven, and comply with our school rules and high expectations of behaviour.

I want to finish by thanking everyone for their cooperation over the last seven weeks. The support and encouragement from parents towards our on line programmes have been invaluable. It has also made them far more effective. Thank you.

Our college site is safe. We have had no presence of Covid-19 and the site has been under strict Level 4 and then Level 3 conditions. We are now in a good position to adhere to Level 2 protocols and are set to do so. We intend to do so in a way that promotes normality and reduces any potential stress and anxiety. Our staff, students, and community can (and should) feel confident and assured about safely returning to school.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday. Have a relaxing weekend.

Nga mihi nui

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PRINCIPAL