

Wednesday 1 September 2021

Kia ora koutou

I would like to acknowledge our school community and staff for their ongoing support of our students. Balancing an array of challenges whilst trying to manage and maintain home-life, work, and supporting a learning environment is not easy. I sincerely thank you and greatly appreciate your understanding that we are all trying to do the best that each of us can.

We got underway today with our Alert Level 3 bubbles. Thank you to parents/whānau and caregivers of essential workers of Year 9 and 10 students who let us know that their child needed supervision at school.

Assessment Week Update

We have made the decision to cancel Assessment week, which was scheduled for Week 9 of this term. This will allow students to have more contact time with their teachers and allow them to adjust their assessment schedules to meet the needs of their students. All students will still be offered opportunities to complete formative assessments within their timetabled classes when they, and their teachers, feel they are ready.

Course Selection Update (for current Year 11 and 12 Students)

On Friday, 3 September we are holding a number of course selection information sessions via google meets. Students currently in Years 11 & 12 have had a document shared with them via their school email address. This document states the department hosting the google meets, the courses covered, and the time of the meet. The links for the meets are also connected to this doc. The timetable for these meetings without the links can be found [here](#). Students simply need to click on the link at the appropriate time from their school google account. Prior to these sessions, we would like to encourage all students to view the information in our [online course selection](#) booklet so they are familiar with the courses beforehand.

Parents are welcome to sit alongside students during their google meets. Additional to this, we are holding two Parent Question & Answer Sessions next week: The links for these meetings have been emailed to parents and students.

- Monday, 6 September 7:00 - 8:00pm via Zoom
- Tuesday, 7 September 7:00 - 8:00pm via Google Meets

Further information to support course selection can be found [here](#). This document provides links to recordings of information sessions, presentations provided to students on common pathways, advice and ways to access information from Tertiary providers.

To select courses online, please follow these [instructions](#). Course selection is due **10 September**.

At this stage we will look to send our next update on Friday, 3 September.

Keep safe and take care.

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together

Ngā mihi nui

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