



# KAIPARA COLLEGE

HELENSVILLE, AUCKLAND,  
NEW ZEALAND



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Kia ora e te whanau o Kaipara,

This afternoon our Prime Minister announced details around what Alert Level 3 will look like for our country. To quote, "It is vital that everyone knows we are still under Alert Level 4, and all Alert Level 4 restrictions remain in place. Under Alert Level 3, we will still have significant restrictions on our day-to-day lives. The risk of COVID-19 will have diminished, but not gone away."

We are awaiting official guidance from the Ministry of Education, but are starting to put our own specific plans in place for when we do move into Level 3.

When we do move into Level 3, Kaipara College will be open for students in Years 9 and 10 only, and only for those families where parents or caregivers are required to work. That being said, the Prime Minister and Ministry of Health recommend that where possible, students remain at home. We will be doing our utmost to ensure the health and safety of all students who do need to attend school and for staff by following appropriate guidelines, including limiting students to a small bubble and observing physical distancing guidelines.

For all students, we will continue to follow our remote teaching and learning plan, even for those who need to attend school. If your child does attend school, they can expect to be working within a small group of students, supervised by a staff member who may not be their usual teacher. We will not be following the regular timetable. They will, however, be receiving their regular updates and information from their teachers via email, Google Classroom, and our online platforms. As per the Prime Minister's recommendation, all students who are able to, should remain at home and learn via distance learning.

Whanau also need to be aware that school buses are unlikely to be running during Alert Level 3 and will, therefore, be required to drop off and collect their students from the school.

Over the next few days, we will send out a form to families of students in Years 9 and 10 asking who exactly will need their students to attend school so we can make plans accordingly. Whanau will need to register their student(s) as attending in advance so that we can ensure we have enough supervision available and be able to plan for physical distancing.

In the meantime, know that we've got this!

*He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata*

*What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.*

Nga mihi mahana,

**Steve McCracken**

**Principal**