



15 October 2021

Community Update: Term 4 - Recommencing Online Learning

Kia ora e te whanau o Kaipara

I hope that the holidays have provided you, your families and whānau some moments of joy and respite through these challenging times.

Learning in Term 4

Learning will continue on-line for your student while in lockdown in Term 4. We do not know how long learning from home will continue for, but rest assured we are doing everything we can to ensure your student has learning success this year. Our focus as a school continues to be maximising the wellbeing and educational achievement of all the young people who come to Kaipara College, in partnership with you, our families and whānau. Teachers are busy getting lessons ready for the students to complete on-line and are looking forward to “seeing” all students on-line. Our whānau teachers continue to connect with their students. This connection is vital to your students' learning and wellbeing. Please encourage your student to be a participant in their own learning. This is especially important for students who have not yet engaged in their learning or have engaged in limited ways so far - it is not “too late”!.

For your information here is an updated copy of both our Guidelines for Students and our Guidelines for Whānau for learning from home.

[Guidelines for Kaipara College whānau to support learning at home \(updated 14/10/21\)](#)

[A student's guide to lockdown learning \(updated 12/10/21\)](#)

School site is open on Monday, 18 October in a very limited capacity

The safest place for teaching and learning right now is from home. However the school site will be open in a very limited capacity to students under 14 years of age whose parents/caregivers are essential workers and for whom no other childcare arrangements can be made. Students who attend school on site will be supervised during school hours but will continue to learn on-line. The teacher supervising your student will have returned a recent negative COVID-19 test as per the Government regulations. Transport to and from school is the responsibility of the parent /caregiver as transport via school buses will not be available.

If you are an essential worker and you require your under 14 years student to attend school next week please let us know by registering [via this form.](#) We need this information at least 24 hours in advance.

All people (adults and students) on site must wear a mask and will follow the other Ministry of Health Alert Level 3 requirements.

NCEA students achieving success for 2021: Personalised Pathways Plan for seniors

For most students learning is more difficult when done remotely. Because of this, learning progress will most likely have been affected by the extended lockdown we are in. For senior students doing NCEA, there are national supports in place to recognise the impact of lockdown on students' learning and achievement. For example, teachers are now able to assess learning as it occurs in the work students are doing on-line, rather than students doing this work and then completing an assessment as well. This is called ongoing "evidence gathering". Another way the impact of lockdown on learning is recognised is through "Learning Recognition Credits". This allows students to achieve NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3 with overall less credits than in a "normal" year.

We are tracking your students' progress very closely and their whānau teacher will be working with them to develop a [Personalised Pathways Plan Y11, 12 and 13](#) which will involve them focusing on what they need to be doing to achieve success this year. Your student's whānau teacher will be sharing an editable version of this plan with their senior students next week, asking them to complete it and then discussing it with them. The best outcomes for your student will be achieved through a three way partnership between the school, the student and you, the parents/ caregivers. Please talk to your student about where they are at with achieving NCEA this year, what they need to do to achieve success, what help the school can give them and what support they are needing from you. Contact your students' whānau teacher in the first instance if you have any questions or concerns.

Mandatory Vaccinations and COVID testing for all adults working in schools

The Government has recently mandated COVID-19 vaccinations for all adults who work in schools effective from 1 January 2022. All adults who work in schools must show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result before being allowed back on site for face to face teaching, when the time comes, and a weekly negative COVID-19 test result thereafter until such time that they are fully vaccinated.

Vaccination Status of our students

The Government is requiring schools to keep a record of all their students COVID-19 vaccination status. We will be seeking this information from you in due course.

Community Notices

Vaccination event tomorrow "Super Saturday"

There is a nationwide "Super Saturday" vaccination event tomorrow. More details here [Super Saturday: Get vaccinated](#)

Local and emergency support available

If you are needing any support through this difficult time please use this useful list of what is available.

[Local and emergency contacts for support.docx](#)

Our focus as always is to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and we continue to be here to support you as well. Please don't hesitate to contact your student's whānau teacher, dean or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

Stay safe.

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