



16 November 2021

## Community Update: Final plan for school opening for Year 9 and Year 10 students on Monday, 22 November

Kia ora Kaipara College Whānau

We have a number of updates for you today:

As already notified, Kaipara College will be open for Year 9 and Year 10 students to return to learning on site from **Monday, 22 November**. We are allowing a choice between **learning at home** or **learning at school** for our Year 9 and Year 10 students and ask each family to decide what is best for their student. In this way we are enabling equitable, inclusive and responsive teaching and learning to occur. We understand that this is a stressful time for many families who are trying to decide to do what is best for their children. The school will support whatever decision you make for your child and we will meet the learning needs of every student, no matter when they return to school.

**Students who stay at home to learn** will continue learning online as they have been doing. Work will continue to be put on the google classroom for each subject and live on-line teaching and learning will continue.

**Students who come to school to learn** will be working in their core class bubbles in a home room. Learning will continue online but will be supervised and supported by a teacher. This will enable students to reconnect with their peers and teachers, but will reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19. Students will have a number of breaks outside (weather permitting) in designated “bubble” areas, rooms will be well ventilated and masks will be worn. Returning to learn at school will be under strict health and safety guidelines, to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19. Our emphasis is on implementing mitigation measures to limit transmission at school. These measures include the following.

Students who return to school must:

- Wear a mask at all times at school, unless eating or drinking
- Bring their own food and drink and not share food. The canteen will not be open and water fountains cannot be used
- Bring their own learning equipment as much as possible
- Wear school uniform
- Wear a mask on the bus to and from school (school buses will be running at regular times)
- Physically distance as much as possible
- Be at school to learn
- Stay at home if unwell
- Meet school expectations

If you haven't already notified us of your intentions for your Y9 and Y10 student(s) please complete this form.

<https://forms.gle/5iPm2ZSpS1dJnZ5e7>. If you have already filled in the form but in light of the final plan described above, have changed your mind regarding your intentions for your student eg you have previously said you would like them to return to school but now would rather they stay home, please email Nick Roberts [n.roberts@kaipara.school.nz](mailto:n.roberts@kaipara.school.nz) to let us know.

### Staff vaccinations

All staff at school are vaccinated as per the government's Vaccination Mandate.

### Last day of school for Y9 and Y10 students (note change in date)

The last day for our Y9 and Y10 students this year is **Monday, 13 December**.

**Pop-up Vaccination Clinic**

On Thursday, 18 November, Te Hā Oranga and Kaipara College are hosting a pop-up vaccination clinic in the school car park. This will take place from 10:00am until 3:00pm and is an opportunity for anyone in the community to get a first or second dose of the vaccine. There will be Countdown and Prezzy gift cards available to some lucky people who get vaccinated on Thursday. These are provided by Te Hā Oranga as well as a sausage sizzle.

Please note masks will need to be worn while on school grounds.

If you would like to get vaccinated but cannot make it to the school on Thursday, Te Hā Oranga have a mobile service that can come to you. Let [cfarnan@kaipara.school.nz](mailto:cfarnan@kaipara.school.nz) know and we will pass your contact details on to them.

As always, our focus 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.

Thank you for your continued support

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi



**Cindy Sullivan**  
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