



21 February 2022

Community Update: Omicron Response Plan

Kia ora e te whānau

With the presence of Omicron in the wider community, our goal is to keep the school open as much as we are able, to maximise teaching and learning, mitigate risk to students and staff, and minimise disruption. However, we are already experiencing the impact of Omicron isolation protocols on our staffing levels.

What does this mean?

We are planning to roster our senior students to learn from home in a cyclical three-day roster, starting tomorrow Tuesday, 22 February 2022 with Y13, followed by Y12 on Wednesday and then Y11 on Thursday. The decision to repeat the cycle will be made on Day Two of each cycle to enable notification to parents/caregivers and students in a timely manner.

How will we know what is happening each day?

The intention to start the three-day cycle of rostering home and whether the cycle will repeat will be notified via email, school social media and the SchoolApp NZ.

I would urge you to download the SchoolApp NZ app if you haven't already from *Google Play* or *Apple* store as it will allow you to be updated quickly.

What should my student be doing while they are rostered home?

When students are rostered home they are expected to carry on with their learning as per their school timetable. While there will not be on-line teaching because the teachers will be at school working with the students who are at school, all work will be on Google Classroom. Work done at home will be reviewed on the students' return to school the following day.

Will there be any other changes?

We as a school need to remain agile in a rapidly changing situation. If the number of staff able to attend school drops further we may require additional measures ranging from more than one year level rostered to learn from home at a time, or even short term whole school learning from home.

Please check your emails, school social media and the school app regularly, starting today.

A reminder too that the school is closed for instruction from 12:30pm tomorrow (Tuesday, 22 February) due to a PPTA branch union meeting. School buses will run at the earlier time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi

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