



Rangiora High School



Whakautea
RESPECT



Tohaina
CONTRIBUTE



Wawatahia
ASPIRE

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana
A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the marae

A child who learns values at home and is cherished within their family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout their life.

Newsletter to parents/caregivers/whānau

29 August 2021

Kia ora koutou,

The quick move to Alert Level 4, record volumes of testing for COVID in the community, extensive wastewater testing, huge numbers of New Zealanders being vaccinated (more than 2 million people have now received their first dose), and a very wide net being cast around confirmed cases, has given Government confidence that we are safe to move to Alert Level 3 on Wednesday.

At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement including going to work and going to school. As the Prime Minister noted on Friday, **schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3** with the exception of those few children and young people whose parents and carers must go to work at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home.

Year 11-13 students are legally required to stay learning from home.

So we will be open on Wednesday, for a small number of young people who need to attend. As you imagine it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep everyone physically distanced from others as much as possible (1 metre inside and two metres outside). We will also keep school bubbles to no more than 10 students. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.

Our contact tracing systems will be in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register, and we will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team working from home.

You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

We will continue to support all young people who remain learning from home, through our distance learning programme.

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available. For those of you with no other option, we

will look forward to seeing your child at school next week. Please [complete this Google Form](#) (which we emailed to you on Friday 27 August) to advise if your Year 9 or 10 child will be attending.

As those young people attending school will continue with their online learning programmes please ensure that your young person brings their computer along with snacks, lunch and drinks. We will provide further information regarding the arrangements for each bubble to the parents of the young people who will be attending school from Wednesday.

Finally, it is with regret that we have had to cancel these upcoming school events:

- Fashion Revolution Show (3 September)
- Year 9 Ngata House Camp (6 - 8 September)
- House Choir Competition (10 September)

Take care. We will update you again once we receive further advice from the Ministry of Education.

Ngā mihi,

Karen Stewart

Principal / Tumuaki