

12 August 2020

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

Kia ora koutou our HC whanau and community,

You will aware that our community is to go into COVID-19 Alert Level 2 at midday today. We wish to update you on what this means for our school community.

- Our school will remain open during Alert Level 2 for students to attend (and we expect them to attend).
- We will keep our community updated should the Alert Level 2 situation change.
- We will communicate with you via our Heretaunga College Facebook, our Heretaunga College website and School Links texting. Please refer to your preferred mode of communication for updates.
- At Alert Level 2, social distancing and large gatherings are exempt in the school environment. However, at Heretaunga College we have decided that assemblies and large school-based gatherings are, at this time, not happening. This will be revised once more information comes to hand.
- Some off-site courses and events are, at this point in time, still running. We will revisit this as more information comes to hand.
- We are currently confirming all contact details with students.
- If you require to visit our school site, you will need to phone the school office in advance to book a time. At this time, no 'drop in' visits will be accommodated.

We encourage you to remind your children:

- You DO NOT have to socially isolate or keep a 2m distance - but it is wise to keep away from the 'moist breath zone' of others.
- Ensure you are maintaining high standards of personal hygiene - hand sanitising, washing hands regularly, wear a mask if you wish, avoid touching your face, clean your laptops regularly and your phones.
- Stay home if you a feeling unwell and head to the doctor to have a test if you are concerned.
- Download the COVID-19 tracking app so that you can keep track of your comings and goings for contract tracing purposes.
- Sneeze or cough into your arm.
- Bring your own drink bottle to school as the water fountain will be turned off.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to keep our campus calm, safe and responsive to the ever-changing situation we find ourselves in this week. Please stay safe, keep yourself and your whanau safe, and follow the guidance that our Ministry of Health provide us with in the coming days.

Nga Mihi

Fiona Craven
Principal