

13 May 2020



Kia ora koutou

As you know from Monday 18th May Heretaunga College will be open to welcome all students and staff back into the school buildings. These past few weeks have been very different - challenging and difficult, but also connected and full of opportunities.

We would like to assure you that Heretaunga College is a safe environment for all students and staff. We have introduced many additional health controls to prevent the transmission of COVID 19 and to support speedy contact tracing. Heretaunga College is safe because hygiene habits that have been put in place are strong and with safe and sensible practices.

The overriding principles for Alert Level 2 are:

- to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place
- to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person if someone at Heretaunga College is infected
- understand that Level 2 is **not** business as usual

It will take time for students and staff to reconnect. We are focussed on everyone's health and well-being needs alongside their learning. Our aim is to help all students settle back into the routine of school and then re-engage them in further learning.

We have developed an easy to read [Expectations for students, staff, and caregivers](#)

There are some things you need to be aware of as we start up at school:

- All students, except those with special transport arrangements, must be dropped off at the kerbside. You cannot drive into the school car parks, even when it is raining.
- We can only see caregivers with scheduled appointments. This is due to physical distancing and contact tracing requirements
- **The Cafe** will not be open until we have put in place all the requirements for the making and selling of food at Alert Level 2. Students must bring in lunch, snacks, and a water bottle.
- Students must wear the correct uniform when returning to school. **The Uniform Shop** will be open on Thursday 14th And Friday 15th May. Please book a time using the link below. You will not be able to pop into school due to physical distancing and contact tracing requirements
<https://calendly.com/heretaunga-college/uniform-shop>
- All students must leave the school buildings by 3.30 pm. This is to ensure our cleaners can complete all their duties

- Thursday and Friday this week are **Student Catch Up** days. There will be no work set on these days to give students time to complete current work and ready themselves to start back at school.

For more information about public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the [COVID 19 website](#)

If you have any questions and would like to discuss a plan for your child please email info@heretaunga.school.nz

Ngā manaakitanga

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