



Heretaunga College

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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Heretaunga College

HERETAUNGA COLLEGE: COVID-19 UPDATE

A parent of a child at Heretaunga College has tested positive for COVID-19. This case was contracted during an overseas visit. The family have all been tested and the student has come back negative. The student is currently continuing to self isolate with their family.

We have been working closely with the Ministry of Education and the Regional Public Health Authority throughout this time. The family and the college followed all the guidelines set out by the government and can confirm there is currently NO community spread, nor concerns related to transmission of COVID-19.

Our school will thus remain open to students.

However, due to the most recent Government Health Guidelines and Alert Levels which now place us in a New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Level 2 scenario, we are advised that high-risk people must stay at home. This includes:

- those whom are over 70 years of age;
- and those with existing medical conditions.

We therefore have a number of our teaching and support staff who fall into either or both of these categories. They will now remain at home, in isolation, while we remain at Level 2. In light of this, we have made a decision to begin rolling-at-home learning days for our students. Teachers have already prepared for this scenario and will be in contact with students at the various year levels who are required to stay at home on certain days.

This week:

Monday 23 March - Tuesday 24 March - ALL year 11 and 12 students will Learn from Home. Year 9, 10 and 13 students are required to attend school.

Wednesday 25 March - Thursday 26 March - ALL year 10 and 13 students will Learn from Home. Year 9, 11 and 12 students are required to attend school.

Friday 27 March - Still to be confirmed.

We ask that you support us in this very trying and rapidly evolving situation. We will continue to update you daily, or as information comes to hand. Please keep in contact with your child's Kaiarahi in the first instance. We will provide further information to support your child for their Learning from Home experience.

Ngā mihi

Fiona Craven
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