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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Heretaunga College

HERETAUNGA COLLEGE: LEARNING@HOME

Firstly, thank you so much for supporting the work that we are doing as a school to safeguard our staff, students and community in light of our announcements made yesterday.

We hope that you are safe and well, and following our Government and Ministry of Health Guidelines now that we are in an Alert 2 Level.

Heretaunga College Learning@Home procedures were put in place last week by teaching staff. Please see the following as a set of guidelines for supporting your child while they are learning at home:

1. Your child will need to have access to a device. If your child does not have access to this, or requires paper-based learning materials please contact Mr Matthew Lambert: lambertm@heretaunga.school.nz.

If your child needs to come into school to collect their own learning materials (e.g folders, books), please make contact with the relevant subject teacher who will leave the materials at the school office for collection. If you choose not to come on site, we can organise for packs to be sent via post to your home.

2. To engage with online learning, your child will need access to Wi-Fi. If you do not have access to Wi-Fi, then your child can participate in paper-based learning (outlined above) until such a time that the Ministry can advise of increased resourcing for Learning@home.

3. If your child has Wi-Fi access and a device, they need to check their Google Classrooms / Google Sites / Facebook platforms that their teachers will be using to provide learning programmes. We encourage you to sit down with your child (where appropriate) and look through the various learning platforms that they have access to. Teachers have already updated their online platforms and students should be already set up with their Learning@Home from today onwards.

4. If you have questions / concerns related to the work your child is required to do in a specific subject, please email their subject teacher directly. You can find the details of the subjects and teachers via the school portal. If you do not have access to the portal please email Ingrid Watts, Principal's PA to set this up: wattsi@heretaunga.school.nz.

5. We will be providing students and caregivers with a Learning@Home guide. Please familiarise yourselves and your child with the contents of this guide.

Please see here the link to our Heretaunga College Guide for Learning@Home:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQeJGywC7RCFIWz0_Y0IVfOfI40Cnj6M6jGg_JB68t4GXAF0YxZt783M7uD3Dp16hby-gyFe3rTojvk/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=10000

While it is important that your child continues to engage with their learning via Heretaunga College Learning@Home processes, we also encourage your child and your wider family to continue to do what is best suited for your circumstances. We want to ensure that you and your child do not panic in relation to their NCEA, assessments and concerns about 'falling behind' in their learning. Looking after their wellbeing, including mental health is just as vital as looking after their academic learning. Our Kaiarahi will be sharing links and advice on how to look after their wellbeing in this ever changing pandemic via online forums.

In the meantime, have a look at this link to the Five Ways of Wellbeing. This model is what our school follows in the work we do with our young people.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/home/ways-to-wellbeing/>

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please send them to info@heretaunga.school.nz

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