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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Heretaunga College

HERETAUNGA COLLEGE: COVID-19 – WELCOME TO THE NEW NORMAL

Welcome to the new 'normal.' Thank you for all your support over the last few days/hours.

We know that we all have to settle into our new way of life and that this will take time. You will no doubt need time to establish new routines and ways of working during your self-isolation. At this time we would like you focus on this, and put the academic learning of your child to the side. There is plenty of new learning that we are all having to work through now.

The reason for the holidays to be brought forward is to allow for everyone to get used to the self-isolation and for us, as a school to ensure we have things in place to start drip-feeding learning through learning@home for our students.

It is very likely that NCEA will look different for 2020. We can not predict what this will look like, however be rest assured our teachers will endeavour to support your child in NCEA in whatever form it may take. We believe that education is about more than assessment. It is about life long learning and this is an opportunity for your child to experience both of these over the next four weeks.

For now, your child's wellbeing is paramount to us here at school. Keep in contact and take care of yourselves, your children and your extended whanau. We wish you well.

In the words of Nathan Mikaere-Wallis:

"Dear Parents,

There is no academic emergency this week, so don't be so quick to set up a home school. Our country is in a crisis and we are all stressed and tired. Stressed adults cannot teach stressed children, it is a neuro-biological impossibility. Try focusing on connections and feelings of safety."

Ngā mihi

Fiona Craven
PRINCIPAL