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Tēnā koutou

ALERT LEVEL 2

As you may be aware, **areas outside of Auckland have moved to Covid Alert Level 2** from 6.00 am this morning for the next seven days. We are ready to provide online learning for students affected by any precautionary measures that may require them to be away from school.

Below are some key messages we would like to share about Alert Level 2 at schools:

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. It's important we follow the rules.

- **Schools are open to everyone, and all children are required to attend at Alert Level 2.** At this level, the disease is contained, but there is still a risk of community transmission.
- **Sick people must stay at home.** They should seek medical advice if they have COVID-like symptoms and get tested if advised to do so.

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- nausea/vomiting
- confusion/irritability

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or **Healthline (0800 358 5453)** for advice and get tested if advised to do so.



- Any students or families who have been in the Auckland region please monitor your health and any symptoms using the **Covid-19 website** <https://covid19.govt.nz/> If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the [Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'](#). Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.
- Learning material will be provided to these students and any other students who choose to remain at home because they are vulnerable to illness.
- **Schools are not classified as gatherings so most of our regular/scheduled events and activities, including day trips, can go ahead, as well as Nydia Bay Year 9 camps.** We will notify those affected if it is necessary to postpone any events due to changes in alert levels.
- **Face coverings are not required** at school or on any school transport.
- Our attendance and visitor registers are the key source for potential contact tracing. **QR codes** are also displayed for use with the tracer app. Any visitors to the school site must sign in through reception.

Basic public health measures continue to apply at every alert level:

- Physical distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces.

Please feel free to contact the college if you have any questions in relation to what is required at Alert Level 2.

Noho ora mai

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