

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

# School Notice

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October



*Kia ora koutou,*

### Making Things Safer for Our Supervised Students



Our school is still open to students who can't be at home because their parents or caregivers are working. We will be providing this service until the end of the year, or the end of lockdown – whichever comes first.

With our main school site re-opening this week, we were very aware that we had a risk of mixing two quite different groups.

This week, Rex Maddren, Principal of Leabank School and I met, worked with our respective teams, and due to Leabank's generosity, we have now moved our supervision group to a dedicated area at Leabank School. Leabank School also has its own supervision groups and we have been able to organise things so that all groups, regardless of which school they are based in, are kept totally separate and safe.



This means we have removed the risk of these two groups mixing and been able to maintain our promise of looking after everyone to the very best of our abilities.

If you need to have your Year 9 or 10 child (our student) supervised at school during the day please contact me by text or call me on 021 336 328. Or email me on [principal@jchs.school.nz](mailto:principal@jchs.school.nz)



### Year 11, 12 and 13 Students

**Thank you to all our students who joined us this week.**

Your co-operation and vigilance in your "delta-mindset" and your participation and hard work in lessons has been awesome.

All of us, students, and staff, are back at school in quite different conditions to what we are used to. Yet everyone has been superb.

Our biggest risks are walking to and from school, and breaktimes. Especially just after eating when sometimes some people forget to put their mask back on quickly enough, or to separate more. However, reminders from friends and duty staff are working well.

And thank you to the two senior students I 'stopped' on my way to work this morning as they were walking down the road. They had a good one-metre separation between each other, but one had his mask on, his friend didn't. The good humour in which they quickly fixed that was appreciated.

It may take a few more days before masks, sanitiser, space, and choosing to be out in open spaces become habits that we all just follow. In the meantime, we will keep helping each other to do the right thing.

### Learning

Things are going well on-site, and if you are studying for NCEA, or should be, and are able to be back at school I invite you to do so.

The only group of students I am worried about are our students who are working in paid work, or supporting their whānau at home. I do not want them to stop what they are doing.

But I do want them to contact us at school, so we can work out how we can help them still get their qualification.



## NCEA Students Currently in Employment or with Other Responsibilities

We want to also support and assist you to achieve your NCEA.

We will not force you to choose between what you are currently doing and school. We believe we can help you to succeed in both.

If you are in Year 12 or 13, and also have other responsibilities during the day, **PLEASE** contact a staff member and let them know before next Monday night, 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Year 9 and 10 Students

### Work for our Students

We now have Year 9 and 10 work on-line and on-paper that we will drop off to you.

If you want the work dropped off to you please let us know. Email

[admin@jchs.school.nz](mailto:admin@jchs.school.nz), put a message on our facebook page, or text/call me on 021 336 328.



All of this work counts towards the JC Diploma, and there are more details about how we have adjusted the credit count for the JC Diploma in tomorrow's newsletter.

### Credit Changes for the Junior Diplomas

Just like NCEA has been changed, we have adjusted the credit targets for our Junior Diplomas.

	JC 9	JC 10
<b>Credits now needed</b>	65 credits	75% of the credits available. (The number available has decreased, but the % stays the same)
<b>Merit</b>	45 credits at Merit	45 credits at Merit
<b>Excellence</b>	45 credits at Excellence	45 credits at Excellence
<b>Final Cut-off day</b>	Tuesday 30 November.	Tuesday 30 November.

If you have any queries or questions, please just contact Sa'id Milton, DP, on email [s.milton@jchs.school.nz](mailto:s.milton@jchs.school.nz) or Ms Krishnan's in the Google Classroom.

## Testing and Vaccinations

You will have heard about the new rules for everyone who works in a school or is on a school site when students are also there. These rules include compulsory negative Covid test results and mandatory vaccinations. The first vaccination by 15<sup>th</sup> November this year, and the second by the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

Our school is meeting all of these requirements, and I am hugely appreciative of how our staff and contractors are helping and communicating with us.

In my job I move a lot around our school and community. I have already shared with staff and I am now sharing with you my personal vaccination status. I am fully vaccinated. I also get a weekly Covid test, at the Manurewa Marae testing centre opposite the BP on Weymouth Road.

This is my way of making sure I am looking after all of the people I work with and care about.



*The next Newsletter is Monday evening. Ngā mihi,*

**Grant**

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