

School Notice

Monday 11th October

Kia ora koutou,

Today's decisions announced by the Prime Minister are probably no surprise, and also prove again how wrong it can be to guess what is happening two weeks ahead! Like I tried to in my last newsletter when I looked forward to school re-opening for the start of term 4!

Today's Government Decisions

We don't yet have all of the details, but what **we know** right now is:

- Auckland stays at "Level 3•Step 1"
- Auckland Schools will not re-open next week.
- There will be specific safety requirements in place when schools do re-open, including all staff being tested before schools re-open.
- This decision will be reviewed by Cabinet again next Monday, 18th October.



Decisions for **the future** include:

- What the specific safety requirements are.
- Covid vaccination status to also be included in the essential medical information held for students.
- All people including staff, contractors and volunteers in schools have to have their first vaccination by 15 November (next month) and be fully vaccinated (two doses) by 1 January 2022.

Over the next few days we will get more detailed information from the Ministry of Education.

Term 4

Next Monday, 18th October, is the start of term 4.

It would be greatly appreciated if whānau can support their children to get into school-thinking and school-routines. Especially as we will start the term with learning at home, and (hopefully) then quickly move to learning in-class.

More on this on Friday, in the next Newsletter.



Important Information for Our Students

Over the last 4 weeks our school has been planning ahead for restarting classes face-to-face.

Your Safety and Wellbeing, and everyone else's around you, is our top priority in these plans. We will make our school one of the safest places to be in Tāmaki Makaurau

Our very next priority is **Your Learning and Achievement**, especially those of you learning for NCEA. The plan here is superb, and also factored in a delayed start as one of the contingencies.

I have **total confidence** in our school's and our staff's ability to ensure your success. **There is no reason for you to get down** or despondent about your learning or qualifications.

Your part in this is to come back to school as soon as we re-open, and get stuck in alongside our staff who are incredibly motivated to help you achieve.

Please do not be whakamā if you have other responsibilities, like whānau care, or part-time work. Just talk to us. Tell your Tutor Teacher, a Dean, or your favourite staff member what is happening so we can factor this into your plan to succeed.

With your help – We've got this!

The Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be out this Friday, 15th of October.

This will set out what we are doing to support learning at home and getting back into school routines. As well as what we will do when Health says schools can re-open.



Thank you to all those who are both **able to** get vaccinated and those who are **fully** vaccinated.

You are helping to make our community safer for our whānau and others and helping us all get closer to getting out of lockdown.

Meaning to get 'vaxed' but haven't gotten around to it yet? Head to Manurewa Marae on any day to get this done. Otherwise, on Thursday and Friday this week, 14th and 15th, there will be a pop-up vaccination centre running at Rowandale School. This is open from 9am to 4pm on both days.

Today's Cabinet decision may not have been what we were hoping for, but it is what it is. We can manage this, and we will continue to do the right things in the right ways.

He waka eke noa • We are all in this together

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant'.

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Grant McMillan,
Tumuaki • Principal