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School Notice

Friday 12th November



Kia ora koutou,

Tonight's newsletter has more information about changes next week, and finishes telling Good News Story #2, which is our recent ERO report.

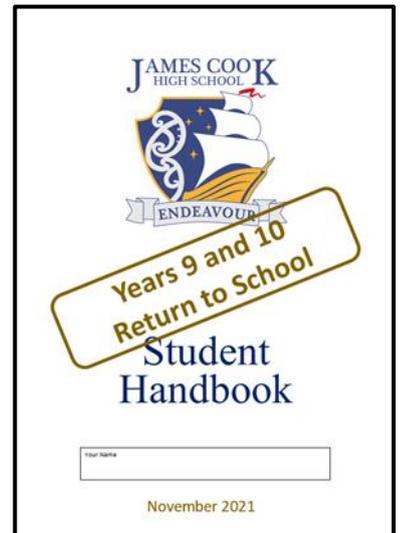
Year 9 and 10 Students Returning to School

The student handbook for Year 9 and 10 students who are looking to come back to school is now on our website. Please read this.

We have two very good learning options for our Year 9 and 10 students.

- **Learning at Home**, using either our:
 - online google classrooms and meets; or
 - paper booklets that we drop off and when you are ready we collect back for marking
- **Learning at School**. Some of the class work will be the same as for at home. There will be a special timetable for these students.

Whānau will make the decision for their own children about which option they want to use.



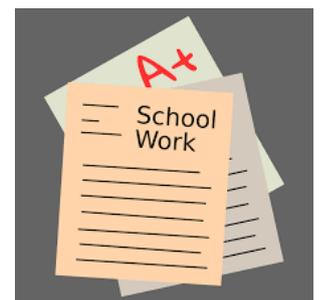
Please be mindful that the health and safety requirements at school are totally fixed and must be followed all of the time. If you are concerned that your child will struggle with these then it may not be safe for them to be back on-site.

If you have any questions please contact me on email principal@jchs.school.nz or text/call 021 336 328.

School Work for Years 11, 12 and 13

Year 11, 12 and 13 students can either learn on-site at school or learn from home. If you are learning from home and not getting the support or work you want please let your Dean or our office know. Or text/call me on 021 336 328.

If you have any questions, or you want help with work for your child please let us know. Email our school at admin@jchs.school.nz, put a message on our facebook page, or text/call on **021 944 978**



Supervision Programme for Children of Whānau who are Working

The last day for this supervision is **Tuesday 16th November**. After which the students in the supervision bubble will move into the Year 9 and 10 programme on-site.

Good News Story #2

Recent ERO Report: Part 4: The Verdict

The last parts of any ERO report are two things:

- ERO's recommendations for the school, or other agencies such as the Ministry of Education (MOE); and
- ERO's assessment of where the school is at. If a school is not functioning well, ERO will advise that a support programme is needed, and/or that another review will happen again soon.

Here is ERO's Verdict for our school:

4 Recommendations

ERO had no recommendations for our school. But they did have two recommendations for the MOE:

1. That the MOE ensure that our school can get the things we need (like extra funding) so we giving our staff the training and PLD we will need to keep improving things for our students.
2. That our school should be considered for at least one Learning Support Co-ordinator (LSC). Especially as our school has students that would benefit from this.

The LSC's were new extra staff that the MOE doled out a couple of years ago. All schools were promised that they would get some LSC's over the next few years.

Even though our school qualified near the top of the list on the national criteria, somehow our school missed out when these new staff positions were given to schools. Now the MOE has stopped funding these positions, so our school, and more importantly our students have missed out.

This recommendation from ERO is essentially one government department seriously criticising another government department. Which is unusual – but in this case deserved.

Conclusion

“James Cook High School has **made significant improvement in its overall performance.**”

“The leadership team are using data and evidence to make changes to continue to improve outcomes for learners. Accelerated progress for students at risk of not achieving continues to improve.”

“The Board is well informed about NCEA student achievement and other key areas. The Board is now able to make informed resourcing decisions and monitor school progress.”

The school has asked ERO to help build our leaders evaluation expertise as we look to respond to the breadth of student provisions and future roll growth.

“**ERO's overall evaluation judgement is that James Cook High School has made very good progress to now transition into ERO's (normal school) evaluation approach.**”

Overall, ERO has formally advised that our school has made significant progress in very many areas.

To the extent, that we are no longer seen as being “at risk” and our school is now back on the normal cycle of ERO visits and review. Again, we are now trusted.

The ERO report will be on our website soon.

Ngā mihi,



Grant
Grant McMillan,
Tumuaki•Principal

As your Tumuaki•Principal I have a very simple ambition: “To give our students, our staff, our Board, our whānau, our community, and our profession the school that you all entitled to and deserve”.

With the amazing mahi and dedication of many many people (especially our staff) whom we are indebted to, our school is now an awesome place to be a part of and belong to. We are already doing great things, and our school will keep continuously improving into the future.

