



# TE AROHA COLLEGE

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## Te Aroha College Pandemic Plan - Update, 20 March

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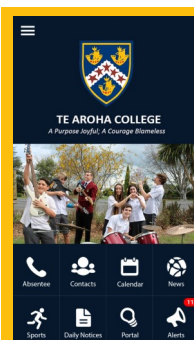
### COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents and Whanau

As you will all be aware information around the national response to the Covid 19 pandemic is moving very fast within New Zealand. In the following update we hope to clarify some of the frequent questions we are being asked and also provide clarity around what we are doing as a school community.

### Our in School Response:

1. We have upgraded all hygiene processes and expectations in the school for both students and staff
2. We have issued all the year 9 students with their chrome books - This has been accompanied by an email explaining the conditions of use and a follow up memo in hard copy. Parents need to be very clear about the clauses around wilful damage and ensure students manage these devices well.
3. We have checked all students in years 10 and 11 to ensure they have a working chromebook.



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4. All staff have created google classrooms and have logged their classes onto these in preparation for possible school closures in coming weeks.
5. We have sent a detailed NZQA letter home to all senior students and their families to ensure our NCEA students clearly understand how we will operate if we have to close the school.
6. We have informed our school community that it is important to keep sick students home
7. We are not running assemblies or gatherings for more than 100 people
8. We are not running trips where students would have been mixing with other students or the public.
9. We have allowed trainings and practices to operate at this stage in the short term.
10. The school manual programme on Tuesdays and Fridays is also operating in the short term.
11. As a school we will be communicating with families and whanau via email, text, Facebook, the school app and the school website
12. We have reminded everyone that only the Ministry of Health can close schools and until we are advised of this all students who are well should be attending school. Any closure notice will be sent as a formal notice to all parents.

We have also met with our fellow primary principals this week to ensure we are all working together to provide a shared community response.

### Parents and Whanau can support us by:

- Ensuring access to functional internet connection
- Ensuring that all student and family contact details are up to date and contacting the office if they have changed
- Downloading the school App
- Regularly checking the school Facebook for updates
- Supporting the school with reminders to their students about social distancing and hand washing



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### In the week ahead - Shortened Day on Monday 23 March - finishing at 1:30pm

We wish to advise all parents that we will be running a shortened day on Monday 23rd of March. School will finish at 1:30.

Please see the attached time table.

#### **Timetable for Monday 23 March**

8:45 – 8:55	Form Time
8:55 – 9:30	Period 1A
9:30 – 10:05	Period 1B
10:05 – 10:35	Break 1
10:35 – 11:10	Period 2A
11:10 – 11:45	Period 2B
11:45 – 12:15	Break 2
12:15 – 12:50	Period 3A
12:50 – 1:40	Period 3B

As buses will be running at the normal times we will supervise any students who need to stay at school.

This time is being used by staff to complete the last of the off site learning systems planning and checking that we have been asked to do by our Ministry of Education.

It is very important that all students attend as they are required to complete the checks on our off-site learning planning. It is also important that they have their chromebooks and devices at school to complete this process.

We will provide updates for our community if there are any changes to our directives from the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Health.

**Read previous Pandemic Notifications/Plans**

**[Te Aroha College Pandemic Plan](#)**

**[Read COVID-19 Update—18 March 2020](#)**

**[NZQA Management of Assessment for Senior Students](#)**