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COVID-19 Update, 24 March 2020

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Dear Parents, Whanau and Community

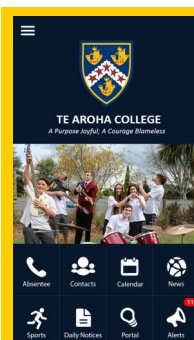
Government announcement – moving to Alert Level 3 for 48 hours and then Level 4.

The Prime Minister announced yesterday that we are moving to **Level 3 for the next 48 hours** and then from **Thursday 26 March** we move to Level 4 in the COVID-19 Alert Level structure for a further period of 4 weeks where people are instructed to stay at home. At this point the school will be closed for at least the next four weeks.

Opening Hours

Te Aroha College will be open today Tuesday 24 March and tomorrow Wednesday 25 March for administration support. We are also available for any children of essential workers and for any last minute pick ups of work that may be necessary.

If you have any urgent questions or requests our administration team are available by phone and email.



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Change to School Holiday Dates

The Secretary of Education has announced that the school holidays start Monday 30 March with Term 2 starting on Wednesday 15 April. Work is set for the rest of this week for students and from the 15 of April there will be work set up on Google Classrooms for your students to complete.

We have emailed all caregivers to invite them to join Google Classroom. This will give them the ability to receive email updates on the activity in their student's Google classroom either daily or weekly.

Safety Practices for Level 4

Please ensure you continue to talk to your students about good hygiene practices and physical distancing. **It's really important that students understand that from Thursday they can not 'hang out together' socially. You can only be with the people you live with.**

College Grounds Closed

The school grounds will be Formally Closed and no students should be on site from Thursday the 26 March until the College reopens.

Support Information

If your students need support they can email Joseph Hartzenburg, our School Guidance Counsellor on jhartzenburg@tacol.nz



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Student Accounts

We will be reviewing the impact of the shut down on student fees and accounts when we return to site. Please be patient with this as it will be a complex issue.

Student Work Expectations

Students will now have access to their Google Classrooms for each of their subjects. All set work is available here and staff have been requested to check in regularly with their students.

Parents and caregivers have also been invited to join each google classroom and will also receive updates on class assignments. Please refer to yesterday's update for more information on this. Please also note the formal changes to the school holidays. Teachers will be on break from Friday 27 March until Tuesday 14 April, with Term 2 beginning on Wednesday 15 April.

School Chromebooks

We remind all parents that the School Chromebooks need to be looked after carefully during this time. If your student breaks or damages their Chromebook the School Policy will still apply, the school will be unable to arrange repair during school closure.

Finally please keep safe, stay home and support us all through this really tough time.

Senior Leadership Team

Te Aroha College

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[Te Aroha College Pandemic Plan](#)

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

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

[Read COVID-19 Update—20 March 2020](#)

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New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Levels

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- These alert levels specify the public health and social measures to be taken.
- The measures may be updated on the basis of (i) new scientific knowledge about COVID-19 and (ii) information about the effectiveness of intervention measures in New Zealand and elsewhere.
- The alert levels may be applied at a town, city, territorial local authority, regional or national level.
- Different parts of the country may be at different alert levels. We can move up and down alert levels.
- In general, the alert levels are cumulative, e.g. Level 1 is a base-level response. Always prepare for the next level.
- At all levels, health services, emergency services, utilities and goods transport, and other essential services, operations and staff, are expected to remain up and running. Employers in those sectors must continue to meet their health and safety obligations.

LEVEL	RISK ASSESSMENT	RANGE OF MEASURES (can be applied locally or nationally)
Level 4 - Eliminate Likely that disease is not contained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustained and intensive transmission• Widespread outbreaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People instructed to stay at home• Educational facilities closed• Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics) and lifeline utilities• Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities• Travel severely limited• Major reprioritisation of healthcare services



Be kind. Check-in on the elderly or vulnerable.

Make a difference by:

- checking-in on any elderly or vulnerable people you know
- dropping supplies to those at home sick.

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Covid19.govt.nz

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