



# TE AROHA COLLEGE

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## COVID-19 Update, 30 March 2020

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## COVID-19 Update Monday 30 March 2020

Dear Parents and Whanau,

As we all settle into Day 5 of Alert Level 4 we hope you are all well and staying home. To our workers in all the essential services we thank you for the incredible job you are all doing to keep us safe. To our students who are filling these critical roles and to those students supporting their families at home we thank you for your service to our community.

### Change to School Holiday Dates

The Secretary of Education has announced that the school holidays start today **Monday 30 March with Term 2 starting on Wednesday 15 April**. Work is set for the rest of this week for students and from Wednesday 15 April there will be work set up on Google Classrooms for your students to complete. In the meantime students need to check that they have access to their digital classrooms.

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 they can not 'hang out together'. You can only be with the people you live with.** No doubt your teenagers will have found the many digital alternatives for social contact. For advice on safety practices at Level 4 please refer to: <https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/covid-19-alert-level/>

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### Senior Students and NCEA

Senior students' work has been posted in each of their subject Google Classrooms. If students are unsure about deadlines and due dates please email their subject teachers.

### Essential Service Workers and NCEA

Any students who are working to keep Essential Services running have an automatic extension for any and all NCEA assignments they are currently undertaking. We are aware that even though the school holidays have started early, this does not necessarily give those working students any extra time to study. Students who are in this category should let their teachers and/or Ms Scott know. If these students want to keep working on NCEA assessments then they should do so, but if they cannot do so until we are all back at school we will ensure they have the same opportunities. Any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact Ms Scott on [rscott@tacol.nz](mailto:rscott@tacol.nz)

### ICT Issues with School Devices

If your students are having any difficulty with their school devices please get them to email Mr Alex Daroux [adaroux@tacol.nz](mailto:adaroux@tacol.nz)

### Support Available

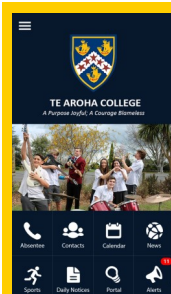
We know for some of our students this is a stressful time. Our School Counsellor, Mr Joseph Hatzenburg can be contacted by email [jhatzenburg@tacol.nz](mailto:jhatzenburg@tacol.nz) and our school nurse Teresa McGovern on [sa.mcgovern@pinnacle.health.nz](mailto:sa.mcgovern@pinnacle.health.nz) or 0226810929

### College Grounds and Site Closed

**The school grounds are Formally Closed. Please help us to ensure our community understands that they can not enter the College grounds at all during the Level 4 Alert.**

Finally please stay at home and stay safe. Remember be kind to one another. We will continue to update our community as new information comes to hand.

### Senior Leadership Team



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