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COVID-19 Update, 06 April 2020

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Dear Parents and Whanau,

We hope you are all safe and well in your homes as we continue the Level 4 response. While it is technically the school holidays, we are working hard in the background alongside the Ministry of Education to ensure that all our students can successfully work online for at least the start of Term 2. We are working on procedures for online learning with our teachers and they will set out these expectations with the students and you.

Text Residence Check

Thank you for the quick response to our request for text confirmation of the physical location and address of all our students. We were really pleased to have all but 13 of our 350 students' locations confirmed. The Ministry of Education required this information to ensure that all students can be supported with learning information including mail out if necessary.

School Devices

We are continuing to work to ensure that all students have access to devices and the internet so that they can actively participate in online learning. Please email Mr Alex Daroux if there is a problem with your school device adaroux@tacol.nz.

Keeping Well and Staying Safe

Thank you to all our students and families who continue to uphold the Government's directives to stay home and stay in your bubble. We really appreciate this as you are keeping us all safe at this difficult time. We remind all our students that our school counsellor Mr Joseph Hatzenburg is available via email jhatzenburg@tacol.nz and our school nurse Teresa McGovern at teresa.mcgovern@pinnacle.health.nz or 0226810929.

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NCEA Students

If you are a senior student and have questions about assignments or work please email your class teachers as your first port of call.

Ministry of Education Update

We have included the Ministry of Education information below which has useful links and supports as we move towards online learning.

Online support for distance learning

The Ministry has launched its Learning From Home and Ki Te Ao Mārama websites which provide advice and resources to support parents, whānau and teachers. The websites will help early learning centres, schools and kura to develop online learning plans that they can share with their parents and whānau.

The Ministry has set up a Connected Learning Advisory help desk to assist leaders, teachers, kaiako and whānau to make full use of the online environments and resources, as they provide for a continuity of learning for their students and tamariki. CORE Education, which runs the helpdesk, will provide this and other online support from 8am to 5pm on business days.

- To contact the Helpdesk, call 0800 700 401. To speak with the Helpdesk in te reo Māori, call 0508 294 462
- The Helpdesk numbers are available on <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/updates/helping-you-distance-learning> and <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/mi/news-holder/support-with-distance-learning-at-home/>

Support includes:

- **Technical advice** for teachers and whānau in response to their Helpdesk enquiries
- **Online support** to assist:
 - ♦ whānau to understand how to use the IT tools they have and how to engage safely in collaborative spaces
 - ♦ principals, leadership teams and teachers to select and use appropriate tools and strategies to communicate, maintain learning programmes effectively across their community, and manage online safety
- **Community liaison:** connecting early learning services/school/kura leaders and whānau with networks and resources.

Keep safe everyone.

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