

TE AROHA COLLEGE

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21 April 2020 COVID-19 Update



Dear Parents Whanau and Caregivers

On Monday 20 April the Government announced that we will move into Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 28 April.

- At Alert Level 3 the safest place for you and your family is to remain at home.
- At Alert Level 3 some caregivers will return to work. In accordance with the Government's directive:
- A Teacher only day will be held on Tuesday the 28th April.
- Te Aroha College can provide supervision for Year 9 and Year 10 students under the age of 14 who do not have supervision at home (i.e. person over the age of 14) from Wednesday 29th April.
- We need to limit the numbers at school so that we keep students and staff safe. Only students who have signed in officially can attend and a formal roll will be taken each day.
- There must be no more than 10 people in each supervision group.
- We strongly encourage parents/caregivers of students under the age of 14 to keep them at home where it is legally safe to do so.
- If your student has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your student is sick you must keep them at home.
- Any students being supervised at school will continue the distance learning programmes set up by their teachers. School facilities such as their classrooms, gym and library will not be available.
- Online and distance learning remains in place for all other students.

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Families of Year 9 and any Year 10 students under the age of 14 were sent a formal survey on supervision requirements at Alert Level 3 on Monday night. This must be returned to us by 5pm Tuesday 21 April. This is so we can plan necessary supervision to ensure the safety of students, staff and all our families.

Thank you to those who have done so, or discussed this already with their student's form teacher. Completing the survey as well helps us better prepare for your students' needs.

In order to ensure the safety of students and our supervising staff who do come to school, we will operate as follows:

- Strict enforcement of health and safety measures.
- Students supervised in small groups (school bubbles) in a home room situation.
- Physical distancing.
- On line access to distance learning.
- Access to kitchen and bathroom facilities.
- A roll will be taken.
- Separate break times.
- The gym, library and wider school site will be closed.

We want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home for all those who have home care and are over the age of 14. We know there are any number of challenges for you to deal with but we have been getting some great feedback from our teachers, form teachers and students about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.

For now, we will continue to support your students learning by distance while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school. We will be in touch again soon with more information. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have.

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