



TE AROHA COLLEGE

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School Return Announcement

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Dear Parents, Whanau, students and community

The Prime Minister has today (Monday 11th May) announced the change to Alert Level 2. You will know already from our national media that this finally means a return to school for the majority of students and staff. **Although we are going back to school it is important for everyone to understand that this is very different from prior to lock down. We will be in Alert Level 2 and still have to be very careful.**

Our staff are looking forward to seeing our students and working with you in partnership to make the rest of our year a success.

Please take the time to read carefully what we need our school community to do to keep safe while attending school. If you have queries or questions please email or phone us.

- ◆ **At Alert Level 2 Te Aroha College will open its doors for student onsite attendance on Monday the 18th of May. The school day will begin with form class at 8.45 for all year levels:**
 - ◇ ***Students and Parents must have completed the return survey for school return*** Students traveling on school buses must indicate on survey: ([Click here to complete Return Survey](#))
 - ◇ ***Students must be in full uniform.***
 - ◇ ***Parents/ Caregivers must drop students outside the school gates.***
 - ◇ ***Students must maintain safe physical distance from each other at all times on site and to and from school. (this mean no hugging or physical greetings).***
 - ◇ ***Students must follow all required hygiene procedures including regular hand sanitisation and hand washing and safe coughing and sneezing practice.***

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- ◆ **At Alert Level 2 Students must be physically well to attend and have had no contact with anyone who has tested positive or is suspected of having Covid 19:**
 - ◇ *Students must stay home if they have a temperature or show any cold and flu symptoms.*
 - ◇ *Students will be sent home if they become sick or show any symptoms of illness during the day.*
 - ◇ *Should any student or staff member test positive for Covid 19 the school will be immediately closed at the direction of the Health Authority and closed for 72 hours, fully cleaned and any contacts carefully traced.*

- ◆ **At Alert Level 2 If students are unwell, are quarantined or have immunosuppression issues and it is medically unsafe to attend school then distance learning options will be available for them during Alert Level 2:**
 - ◇ *Form teachers will be following up with any parents/ caregivers who have identified these issues in the return survey. Parents must have made arrangements with the school prior to reopening on the 18th of May to ensure we can manage the online learning needs of these students.*

- ◆ **During the last two months considerable work has been carried out onsite at Te Aroha College to ensure our students can return safely:**
 - ◇ *The school has been fully cleaned in preparation for reopening.*
 - ◇ *There are new intensified cleaning procedures during the day in classrooms and after each day for students, staff and our cleaning team.*
 - ◇ *There will be clear physical distancing both in class and on the school grounds and this will be clearly signposted.*

- ◆ **Sport and Practices:**
 - ◇ *There will be new rules around sport and sports practices on the college site. We will provide more information on this later in the week as it comes to hand from the Ministry of Education.*

We appreciate that there will be lots of questions and queries as we move to open on Monday 18th of May and we will endeavour to answer all of these. We are working to have these answered as quickly as possible but please appreciate that this is new territory for us all and we are being directed by the Ministry of Education.



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Finally we want to thank everyone for the incredible efforts made to keep learning going for our students during the past two months. We have greatly appreciated the work of our parents and caregivers, teachers, form teachers and deans, school leadership and support staff who have all put our students' learning at the forefront even in these strange times.

Our first priority as we move to Alert Level 2 is to make sure everyone is on track, on task and feeling confident about their futures, along with ensuring we keep everybody safe.

Senior Leadership

Te Aroha College

Please note: Please complete Return Survey before **Wednesday 13 May**

◇ [**Click here to complete Return Survey**](#)

