



# TE AROHA COLLEGE

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## COVID-19 Update, 20 August 2021

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## COVID-19 Update Tuesday 20 August 2021

Dear Parents, Whanau and Community

### Government announcement – Alert Level extended to 11.59 pm, Tuesday 24 August

The Prime Minister announced today that Alert Level 4 has been extended to 11.59 pm Tuesday 24 August. 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.

### 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/alert-levels-and-updates/alert-level-4/>



### Have you got our school app?

Stay informed, stay safe, download our school app here:

<https://tearohacollege.apps.school.nz/install/>



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### **College Grounds Closed**

The school grounds will be **Formally Closed** and no students should be on site during Alert Level 4 August until the College reopens.

### **Support Information**

If your students need support they can email Joseph Hartzenburg, our School Guidance Counsellor on [jhartzenburg@tacol.nz](mailto:jhartzenburg@tacol.nz)

### **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. Participation in Learning from Home will count towards attendance. Teachers will be working to your student's school timetable, information on assignment work and video conferencing will be posted on Google classroom. Students must check-in with Google Classroom regularly.

Parents and caregivers have also been invited to join each google classroom and will also receive updates on class assignments.

Please be reassured that as a school your student's health and your family's health come first. Taking steps to be prepared for learning from home during lockdown will help your student's sense of well-being.

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**

**Te Aroha College**



### **Essential Service Workers and NCEA**

Any students who are working to keep Essential Services running or who have additional work or family responsibilities which are impacting on their ability to submit assessments should let their teachers and/or Ms Scott know. As we learned during the previous lockdown, if you can keep up with your assignments it will benefit you when we return. If you can't, we will work with you to provide extensions. You should be aware however, that as we are much closer to the end of the year we do not have the same time available to catch up. Any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact Ms Scott on [rscott@tacol.nz](mailto:rscott@tacol.nz)

### **NCEA and External Exams**

There is no news from NZQA yet about whether External Exams will proceed in November. In the meantime, you should plan to sit your External Exams in some form at the end of the year.

### **KEY POINTS FOR LEARNING FROM HOME:**

1. Check you have joined all of your Google classrooms
2. Check google classroom for your classes every day
3. If your teacher puts a post on google classroom you should acknowledge that you have read it by saying hi, thumbs up, etc
4. Check what times your teacher has set for your google meet and make sure that you attend each one of these sessions
5. Make sure that your camera is on and when your teacher asks you something you give them the thumbs up on screen to say you have heard what they said and understood
6. Attendance is going to be kept - let's keep it high
7. Take the time to finish your work
8. Make sure that you share your work with your teachers and get feedback from them in advance of due deadlines. When asking for feedback please be specific and make sure that you have written more than 3 words!
9. Remember teachers are people too and they have other classes and family commitments. The senior leadership team has requested that the staff don't answer emails after 8 pm. Be patient they will get back to you - you have to give them time to answer!