



8 June 2020

Kia Ora one and all

"We are ready" said our Prime Minister this afternoon as she announced that from midnight tonight New Zealand is moving to Level 1. So we now prepare to embrace another new season called Level 1.

Here at our school, Level 1 means a greater degree of freedom whilst continuing to be aware of each other's needs and that a COVID free lifestyle doesn't just happen without some form of ongoing vigilance. We agree with the PM when she said "we are moving to Level 1 to stay there!"

Thank you so much to our Elim parent and caregiver community for your support, your watchfulness, your commitment. Your words of encouragement have meant far more than you will know as we were asked to lead and operate as a fully-functioning school with so many unknowns.

As from tomorrow morning (Tuesday 9 June):

- There are no specific public health requirements
- Physical distancing is not a requirement, but, where possible and practicable it is to be kept in mind
- There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.
- Parents and visitors are welcome to come on site
- You will not be required to manually sign in
- Some assemblies will now be face to face and that will start tomorrow
- The 'Y11-13 2020 Ball' will now go ahead
- All aspects of school life will now gain real momentum and shortly be fully up and running

Please note that we will still be actively encouraging the following:

- When you do come on site and when staff and students are on site, we strongly urge the continued use of sanitiser by everyone
- Many students seemed to have enjoyed and certainly adapted to being dropped off at the gate so we encourage this to still happen if you would like to
- If you are sick, you should stay home, phone Healthline or your GP and get tested if you have cold or flu symptoms
- Regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
- Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms.
- We will regularly ensure that our cleaners disinfect shared surfaces.
- As a staff we may call an online assembly and when we do we will publish the link for you to join in
- If you would like a meeting, a catch-up concerning your child through an online platform we are really happy to offer that
- For Y7/8 students and Y9/10 students at GC we want you as much as you can to still enter and exit the same way we have asked you to during the last 3 weeks

One aspect we are still working on and this will take some time, is our ability to continue distance learning for those students and their families who genuinely are committed to this. Watch this space, but Level 1 should bring further confidence and it will also be great to see all students back on site this week.

Please also ensure that your child is picked up on time and that you fully comply with all drop-off and pick-up expectations and in particular the way you park. We are now in winter so please take the weather into account when getting children to school and arranging for their pick-up.

The uniform too must continue to be worn superbly well through these winter months with no non-uniform items of clothing to be worn. Warm undergarments of course are encouraged but they must not show.

A reminder that in the Principal's Update sent to you yesterday we outlined dates for the end of term learning conversations and there are further details coming. Please take this opportunity for a 3 way conversation, check the dates, how to book and prepare.

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