



17 August 2021

### **Principal's Update Tuesday 17 August 2021**

Kia Ora to our parent community

1. We are now in Alert Level 4 Lockdown
2. Level 4 for Auckland starts tonight at 11:59 and ends next Tuesday at 11:59
3. There is no face to face schooling during Level 4
4. Tonight MAC is open for any teacher or students to get equipment. Mr Mckenzie and Mrs Kirkham will be on site. Go now if you need to and wear a mask.
5. Mr Burton is on site at GC for anyone who needs anything .
6. BC is currently open until 9:00pm
7. Anyone coming on campuses tonight must wear a mask
8. Parents - tomorrow Wednesday is purely a set up day and there will not be any formal activities taking place .....no teaching. Tomorrow teachers will communicate to your students what the routines will be for Thursday and Friday, Monday and Tuesday.
10. Teaching should only be in the morning each day... leaving the afternoons for family time.
11. Our counselling team is available see their message below

Today many feelings will be being felt, many thoughts will be whirring as we adjust and respond and react again. As our sense of predictability and control seems to shift gear again, we face the key challenge right now which is "sitting with uncertainty" and sitting with our young people as they sit with uncertainty once again. While we wait for government briefings to bring us more certainty, more control, can I encourage us as a community to hold fast to the stable and steady parts of our lives. Highlight and emphasise those things - connection with friends and family, love and care within our homes, the never changing love

of God who holds us through this. Encourage any connection building whether that is formal like connecting with teachers online, or informal, within your bubble at dinner or for a "walk and talk" or with friends online.

Senior students who have any concerns about assessments or the coming practice exams are invited and encouraged to connect with subject teachers, tutor teachers, and their Whanau Leaders. Sooner is better and no question is too small.

Your children may be expressing worries about tasks that had to be left midway, unfinished, incomplete. Please reassure them- learning is a journey not a destination and though we may be facing a bit of a detour or roadblock, that is okay. This image may help...the teachers are here to work with the students to take any "bits and pieces" of learning and tasks and create a beautiful mosaic of learning. Please reassure them that their teachers will communicate any adjustments in expectations - we are all in this together.

The counselling team is available for staff, students and parents from 9:00 -4:00. Please refer via the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/jVToOZYSJoyio8nR2> or contact Yvette directly via email [yvette.britten@elim.school.nz](mailto:yvette.britten@elim.school.nz).

Stay Safe, Stay Connected, Stay home, Kia Kaha

God bless you all. In God we absolutely have this. We can't but HE can! Sleep well all!

Nga mihi

Regards

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