

19 March 2020

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Re: School Ball, Maori Awards, Year 13 Camp

Due to ongoing concerns about the outbreak of Covid-19 (Novel CoronaVirus) and with respect to the increasing number of Covid-19 cases, I have made the difficult decision to postpone some events for the time being. At this point, no one associated with the Paeroa College community has tested positive for the virus. However, as a precaution, I now regret to inform you that we will no longer be holding the following events:

- The **Māori Awards** will not be going forward this Friday, Please know how very proud we are of these students and we will look to honour them later in the year.
- The **School Ball** has been postponed until further notice. We look forward to celebrating together in less challenging times.
- The **Year 13 Camp**, scheduled for the last week of this term, has been postponed.

The well-being and safety of our Paeroa College community is our top priority. We are confident that postponing these events is the right decision given the current circumstances. I am working with the Board of Trustees to closely monitor the situation and have considered advice from the New Zealand Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education in taking these decisions.

Finally, these are difficult times. Please support those around you. I have reminded our students of the importance of kindness, now and always. Mahi Tahī Kia Kaha.

Thank you for your understanding.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amy Hacker  
Tumuaki/Principal