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Kia ora koutou

We hope that Term 2 and our emergency remote teaching has been a success for you so far. We know there will have been challenges for you to deal with, but I have also been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for your support.



Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Covid-19 Alert Level 3 on 28 April. That means we will be open to receive students in years 9 and 10 (only) from the 29 April. We will start to prepare Paeroa College from tomorrow.

My key message to you echoes that of our Prime Minister. If you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to do so because supervision is not available at home. I promise that we will continue to be diligent in our support of your student's remote learning.

To ensure the safety of those students and our staff who do need to come to school, we will be strictly enforcing health and safety measures. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness, you must keep them at home. If your child becomes sick please also ensure you keep them at home.

We will contact you later this week to find out whether you can keep your child learning from home, or need your child to attend school in person.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with the Ministry of Health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open our buildings to students and staff as from next week. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. I want to be sure that what we do will keep our students and whānau as safe as possible.

For this week, we will continue to support your child's learning by distance while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for Paeroa College. We will be in touch again soon with more information. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have.

As always my metaphorical door is open (from my little bubble).

Ngā mihi nui,
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