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Kia ora koutou,



As a nation, we look forward to moving to Alert Level 2 on Thursday 14 May and preparing to open our schools and welcome students back on **Monday 18th May at 8:55AM**. We are so excited to have all Paeroa College students and staff back on site!

Like me, I am sure you have followed with interest the announcements made by the Prime Minister and it is reassuring to hear how well our country has done at minimising the impacts of COVID-19. Alert Levels 4 and 3 have presented many challenges and it has been gratifying to see our community working together to get through this.

I want to reassure you that at Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for young people and staff and that additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of any disease and to support contact tracing, should that be required. The key approach will be firstly, to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and secondly to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with someone infected.

Key Points you need to be aware of as school resumes

- **No staff or students** should come to school if they are **sick**.
- **Buses** will run as per normal. There will be a roll taken when students arrive via bus in the morning and depart in the afternoon.
- The **canteen will be closed on Monday 18 May** and open thereafter for **lunch only**. Pre-orders will be taken prior to morning tea each day.
- Students must bring their own **named water bottle** as the drinking fountains will be closed. Refill stations will be available.

You can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who is at school, who our staff and students have been in contact with and we will take appropriate measures to promote health and safety. I have prepared an additional document for you with the specifics as to the measures we will have in place as from 18 May. This document is on our website and attached to this email.

If you have any questions about our health and safety plan or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me. Many blessings for the next few days until we are back together.

Ngā mihi
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Principal/Tumuaki