

24 August 2021

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope this email finds you, and those you love, well and happy in your bubble. As we have learned today of an additional 41 cases of Covid-19, I want to be really clear that the next couple of weeks will not be business as usual for teaching and learning. Paeroa College is open for virtual learning and instruction only. This means that no on-site activities can take place. I know this is hugely disappointing to all of us. It is with regret that I inform you that the following events have been postponed until further notice

- HSP
- All sport trainings
- All school trips
- Basketball and Netball tournaments have been cancelled

At least for this week, we are learning remotely from home, but I am also aware that there are many challenges ahead, both for families and for teachers. We will be learning and adapting as a community as we go. Your child's teachers are very aware that this is a time for all of us to support the young people we are honoured to teach and that their wellbeing is the most important thing.

Below is what your child should expect to receive from their teachers to support their remote learning:

- They will receive an **email to their student account** for each of their classes by **9:00AM** each Monday morning while we are learning remotely. This email will tell them the learning plan for the week and how to access the materials. Students need to access their email through Outlook (not gmail) or it won't work. If you are having trouble with this, phone the school, as phones will be monitored during regular school hours.
- Each class will have a limited amount of **Direct Contact** (to enable students to maintain relationships, communicate directly with teachers, and receive feedback). This will occur each week for about **30 minutes** per class. This contact will be at some point during regularly timetabled classes.
- Each class will also have approximately 2 hours/week of **Indirect Contact**. This time will be used by the student for the completion of independent work, worksheets, assignments or assessments.

In the event that your child requires additional support, or an email from the teacher is not received, please contact the teacher directly (if possible). Your next port of call is their year-level Achievement Dean.

At this point Alert Level 4 will be re-evaluated on Friday. I will let you know, as soon as I know, how any Alert Level changes affect us. So, until we meet again, be well, stay strong. Mahi tahi kia kaha.

Nga mihi nui,

Amy

Principal/Tumuaki