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Transition to Level 3 – Update for families with students in **years 9 and 10:**

As I write this, the government has indicated that as of Wednesday 1 September, child(ren) in years 9 or 10 can **physically** attend Paeroa College if they require supervision and there is no one at home to provide it. We also heard a clear message from the Prime Minister that at Alert Level 3, schools will effectively continue to be closed for face-to-face learning, other than for the children of parents who **need to go to work and have no alternative care options available**. Please contact the college by **10:00AM Tuesday** if your child needs to physically attend school.

PC will be **vigilant in what Level 3 looks like** for us.

We **encourage you to continue remote learning from home**, but understand this is not always possible, especially when both parents are returning to work. Teachers have put in many hours of planning and preparing remote learning plans to meet student needs. Additional **hard copy learning packs** will be available from Wednesday 1 September, and it will be possible to collect them from school.

Based on the information you provide, **we will establish a Level 3 roll**. All student families must decide whether their child(ren) will be learning on-site or at home. **Students who attend school will be engaged in remote learning as they would be from home**. They will be supervised by a staff member and have the use of the PC wifi. If they have their own device, or one on loan from PC, they will use it exclusively.

To ensure the safety of those students who do need to come to school because they cannot be supervised at home, 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**, they must not attend school.

Physical distancing will continue at school (2 metres apart during interval and lunch) and students will be placed in groups with a maximum of 10 other students. Each student will have their own workspace and use it throughout the entire day. Students will not be interacting with other students from other class groups. Siblings will be in the same group.

Cleaning will be thorough and adhered to daily. Significant areas of the school will be off limits to reduce the footprint of potential contamination and cleaning. We will emphasise student safe health practices and personal hygiene. Surfaces will be wiped daily, hand cleanser available in all learning spaces and students will always be expected to adhere to the Covid-19 hygiene rules. Students will also need to bring their own water bottles and snacks. Lunch will be provided.

Students who attend school will have **limited access to facilities** and most buildings will be locked. The front office will not be open and all access to the school will be through the student centre. Parents should only come onsite if absolutely necessary and we must maintain a register of visitors to the school in case contact tracing is required in the event of a Covid-19 incident.

As always, thank you for your support.

Noho ora mai/ stay well,
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