



Monday 18 October 2021

COVID-19 Alert Level 2 - Northland

Tena koutou,

The Prime Minister announced today that Northland will move to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 on **Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 11:59pm**.

The Ministry of Education has indicated that schools have up to 48 hours following a change of COVID-19 Alert Levels, from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2, to prepare for students to return to school.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 19 October, staff will use this time to prepare for welcoming all students back to school on **Wednesday 20 October**. On Tuesday, we will continue to accommodate the Alert Level 3 bubble currently operating at school.

All buses will be running on Wednesday 20 October.

Here are a few reminders about COVID-19 Alert Level 2:

- Face coverings **are required** to be worn by students aged 12 and over while on school transport (both Ministry and regional council-operated services) under all Alert Levels
- As we will be at Alert Level 2, access to school by visitors and whanau will be restricted to essential visits only. Visitors will be asked to QR scan in / sign in and wear a mask
- Pick up and drop offs will remain the same as Term 3
- **Please** do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell, and consider phoning Healthline or your GP to discuss any symptoms
- Frequent hand sanitising and hand washing will continue for students and staff. Classrooms will be ventilated and regularly cleaned
- **Face masks in school are not mandatory for students or staff while in school.** However, any student who wishes to wear a mask will be supported

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to Ruawai College. We appreciate your support and flexibility during the current circumstances.

Ngā mihi,

Raeleen Harré
Principal

Alert Level 2

THE SCHOOL DAY @ ALERT LEVEL 2

- The school office is open. **All visitors must wear a facemask AND scan in / sign the visitors register on arrival and sign out when leaving.** Visitors will observe the 1m distancing protocol and use hand sanitiser as they enter the reception area.
- **Bus services will be running. Face masks must be worn at all times by Year 9-13 students travelling on the bus.** Transport services will be taking extra measures to ensure student safety. Physical distancing may not be practical on school buses, however, it is a controlled environment where contact tracing can take place if required. Hand sanitiser is being made available for students and drivers to use on every journey. Buses will be cleaned after each morning and afternoon run.
- All large gatherings (100 people or more) are postponed.
- Please ensure that you are here on time for the start of the school day - 8.45am. **Children arriving late to school must come to the school office to sign in before going to class.**
- Hand sanitiser and disinfectant is provided for classrooms and around the school. It is encouraged that staff and students maintain high hygiene practices during the school day. There will be a high level of hygiene practices, as outlined by the Ministry of Health (personal and environmental) so that your child will be as safe as possible at school.
- At pick-up / drop off time, please maintain a 1m distance and return directly back to your vehicle when collecting your child. **Do not come onto the school grounds please.**
- **Students cannot attend school** if they or someone in their home has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 21 days.
- **No student can attend school if they are unwell, especially if they show signs of headaches, runny nose, sore throat or a cough.** Call Healthline 0800 611 116 and follow advice given. Any child who is presenting as being sick will need to go home. You will be contacted if your child becomes unwell during the day and they must be collected from the school – so you will be required to have an emergency contact.
- **Students are to bring their own device to school. Face masks are recommended.**
- It is expected that everyone maintains high hygiene practices by washing their hands, being mindful of distancing, disinfecting workspaces where practical, sneezing into their elbow and not sharing food, water bottles and stationary.
- Sport equipment will be provided by the school for break times and will be cleaned after being used. **Students are not to bring their own sport equipment to school e.g. basketballs, handballs.**