



Friday 15 October 2021

COVID-19 Alert Level 3 - Northland

Tena koutou,

Yesterday you received a letter around our response to Alert Level 3 for Monday 18 October 2021. This is another update following more information that has come to hand.

Prior to the end of Term 3 we were operating under Alert Level 2 conditions, we now find ourselves put into Alert Level 3 for one day – Monday 18 October.

A requirement of schools under Alert Level 3 is that all staff have to return a negative COVID-19 test before they can return onsite with students. This action has been carried out, so I am able to confirm that school will be open on Monday 18 October under Alert Level 3 conditions. A Government announcement will be made later that day regarding whether we remain at Alert Level 3 or move Alert Levels.

In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the following Alert Level 3 requirements:

- Schools reopen in a limited capacity for students of essential workers only, up to and including Year 10 students, where they are unable to be supervised at home
- **Please** let the school know whether you are intending to send your child/ren to school on Monday 18 October by ringing or texting the school cell phone number **027 268 5313 by Sunday morning 17 October, 11:59am**
- Only those who contact us to let us know their child/ren are attending school on Monday 18 October can be at school on that day
- **No school buses operate at Alert Level 3**
- **Face masks are compulsory at school for Years 9 and above**, but highly recommended at Years 7 & 8, particularly if students are attending school on Monday 18 October
- Online learning will be available and our Senior students will follow their school timetable
- Juniors (Year 7 – 10) will have a “choice board” of activities to choose from for the week, this will go online the morning of Monday 18 October
- Students are to bring their own devices to school if they are attending
- Student drop off is from 8:40am onwards and pick up is at 3:00pm, or earlier by arrangement



See below a number of links to find out more information around COVID-19 and the Delta strain:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/alert-level-3/>

<https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/how-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccination/>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Each day we are being updated by the Ministry of Education and sometimes the information we receive from them may differ the following day. I ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate this ever changing COVID-19 space.

A full picture of the Alert Level 3 school day can be found below.

In the meantime, stay safe, be kind and look out for one another.

Ngā mihi,

Raeleen Harré
Principal



Alert Level 3 The School Day - Years 7 to 10

Tena Koutou,

Important Alert Level 3 school procedural information:

- All students must wear a face mask at school.
- Students travelling to school by car **should not be dropped off at school before 8:40am** as we cannot control the mixing of groups prior to that time. A staff member will be at the gate to direct students to the room they will be in during Alert Level 3.
- Please do not congregate at the school gate and always maintain the 2m distancing required of all outdoor activities under Level 3.
- The school office will remain closed. Please call (09) 439 2216 or email if you have any questions: admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz
- At **pick-up** time, **3:00pm** please maintain a 2m distance and return directly back to your vehicle when collecting your child. **Please do not come onto the school grounds.**
- Limited numbers of staff will be on site to ensure we have the ratio required. Students and staff at school will be grouped together in “bubbles” and there will be no mixing of the bubble/s.
- Students attending school must **bring their own device** to school if you attend. Your child will be doing exactly the same distance learning as the students staying at home.
- A roll will be taken in each “bubble” and we will be maintaining a record of contacts during the day.
- Students cannot attend school if they or someone in the home bubble has been in contact with someone 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, muscle fatigue, runny nose, sore throat or a cough.
- Staff will maintain digital contact with all those children engaged in digital and distance learning.
- Bubbles will have designated areas for morning and afternoon breaks. These areas will be monitored by staff.
- There will be no use of sport equipment at school due to Health & Safety hygiene requirements.
- 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.
- You will be contacted if your child becomes unwell during the day and they must be collected from the school – you are required to have an emergency contact.
- If a student presents negative behaviours, you will be contacted to come and pick them up as we will not have sufficient staff to manage these types of situations.

Raeleen Harré
Tumuaki / Principal