



FLAXMERE COLLEGE

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Kia ora whānau,

Please find below the latest update from the Ministry of Education.

Please note that for ALERT LEVEL 2 - schools will remain open. They will only close if a case has been confirmed in a school. The period of time will be for a few days to clean the school, gather a contact list and make further decisions. ALERT LEVEL 3 - schools will close in affected areas and for ALERT LEVEL 4 - Schools nationwide will be closed.

We ask you to follow the advice below in that if your child has a pre-existing medical condition they are deemed high risk and needs to remain at home - please check the below list.

We are aware that a number of our students live with their grandparents or elderly whānau. In this case, we recommend that these students remain at home at this stage.

Can you please inform the office of any absence via office@flaxcol.co.nz or (06) 8799 833.

Limited Canteen

Due to staffing, the canteen will only be open, with limited food items at interval (10.40-11.10am). It will not be open during lunchtime. Whānau are asked to please ensure your child has sufficient kai for the school day. Students will not be permitted to leave the grounds to purchase food.

Camberley/Raureka Morning Van Run

Due to staffing, the morning van run will not run until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Staff are currently working on on-line and alternative learning options for students as required. More information regarding this will be provided as soon as possible.

As always do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries via the school office.

We appreciate that this is unsettling times for all and we will endeavour to support you and your child every which way we can. Support is available through our pastoral care team – please contact the main office. An excellent resource from the Mental Health Foundation can be found on <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/>

Keep safe and well.

Nga mihi

James Hay-MacKenzie
ACTING PRINCIPAL

COVID-19 update

21 March - from the Ministry of Education

With the announcement that New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 2 – Reduce Contact for COVID-19, people over 70 years of age and those with compromised immunity and certain existing medical conditions are asked to remain at home as much as they can from now on and avoid any non-essential travel.

Staff, children and young people in schools and early learning services are therefore asked to follow this advice.

Where possible, please encourage your staff at home to continue to support school curriculum or other school activities for example providing pastoral care by phone, marking, and lesson planning.

High risk individuals

While the majority of people who are confirmed with COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms, some individuals are at risk of more severe symptoms.

Older people, particularly those with pre-existing health problems are more likely to get severe illness and are therefore considered at risk. High risk individuals also include people with underlying medical conditions, such as:

- a compromised immune system
- liver disease
- cancer
- kidney disease
- heart disease
- diabetes mellitus

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