Kia ora Whaanau

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well in your bubbles. Please find below the information regarding students transitioning back to Manurewa High School under Alert Level 2. We are prioritising Health and taking a cautious approach into transitioning our Staff and Students into Level 2 and a return to school. This is to ensure we are learning the new tikanga around what our new normal will be moving forward to ensure the safety for our community.

We have considered research conducted after the Christchurch earthquake which suggest we avoid going straight back to what we considered normal pre-lockdown and are taking the time to re-connect and re-engage with each other and our environment for the next two weeks.

The two week Level 2 timetable allows us to align to the governments approach, remain flexible to respond to the uncertain situation and review and make changes if need be.

Key Messages

- We will stagger the transition of students back to school from Monday 18 May
- As with previous alert levels, increased hygiene practices will continue throughout the school <u>COVID-19 Return to Work Plan for Manurewa High School.pdf</u>
- If your child is a bus user you must complete this form https://tinyurl.com/Bus-Service-Questionnaire
- If a student continues to self-isolate during Alert Level 2, if you haven't already, please inform the school
- If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. Please email <u>attendance@manurewa.school.nz</u> or phone the attendance number 0800 102 132 to inform us of their absence

Return to School Transition Programme

The programme takes account whaanau feedback that informs us we will still have a significant number of students learning from home and therefore the need to keep our online learning programmes running. **Here is what you need to know:**

- Pounamu & Te Ao Maarama students will come to school on Monday and Tuesday 9am 3.15pm and continue with distance learning from home for the rest of the week
- Ahi and Kootuku students will continue their distance learning from home and come to school on Thursday and Friday 9am 3.15pm
- All Y12 & Y13 students will come to school on Wednesday 11am 2.30pm for Waananga (focussed learning programmes that provide additional support for students to achieve their qualifications)
- Y9, Y10 & Y11 students continue to learn from home on Wednesday
- Students go straight to their Kaitiaki room when they arrive to connect and go through their twoday programme
- Kaitiaki will be in contact with whaanau on Friday afternoon to ensure you understand the arrangements for your rangatahi and check if you need further support
- Akoranga Conferences will be postponed until the end of term, exact dates to be confirmed

We acknowledge that Alert Level 2 is a big step from Alert Level 3 and that there are still concerns, anxieties and questions in our community. Trust that we have designed a transition programme that reflects the feedback we have had from you so far, those whaanau who still want their rangatahi to continue to learn from home during Level 2 as well as those who are ready to return to school. We are also working to support the Hauora of our students and staff.

Play it safe.

Ngaa mihi

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