

Kia Ora Whaanau

Thank you for your support over the last three weeks of Alert Level 2. We are all hoping that on Monday June 8 the Government will announce that we are moving to Alert Level 1 and that everyone will feel safe to return to school.

In this communication there is information on the following key messages:

- **Our Manurewa Vā 2020**
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Our Manurewa Vā 2020

Below is the Manurewa Vā 2020 which replaces our previous timetable and commences for **all students from Monday 8 June**, which considers whaanau, student and staff feedback:

- a clear majority support for change to a new normal
- retaining and growing Waananga
- staff & students having more contact time together
- more efficient use of learning time
- online learning included and ongoing
- equity of time allocation across learning programmes

The key features are 90-minute periods to make more efficient use of the learning time we have available, specific in school teacher supported online learning sessions for seniors twice a week and the Wednesday Waananga which will now include all students.

Students will receive their individual timetables on **Monday 8 June at 9am via their Kaitiaki**.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.20am	Staff Briefing Hauora 8.30-9.00	Hauora 8.30-9.00	8.20 - 9.20 Staff Professional Learning	Hauora 8.30-9.00	Staff Briefing Hauora 8.30-9.00
9-10.30	Akoranga 1	Akoranga 1	9.30 – 10.00 Student Hauora 10.00 – 10.30 Interval	Akoranga 1	Akoranga 1
10.30 – 11.00	Interval			Interval	
11-11.40	Akoranga 2	Akoranga 2	10:30-12.10 Waananga 1	Akoranga 2	Akoranga 2
11.40-1.10	Akoranga 3	Akoranga 3	12.10 – 12.50 Lunch	Akoranga 3	Akoranga 3
1.10 - 1.50	Lunch		12.50 – 2.30 Waananga 2	Lunch	
1.50 – 3.20	Akoranga 4	Akoranga 4		Akoranga 4	Akoranga 4

Vā = relational time / space - read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/Understanding-Va>

Akoranga 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 = circumstance, time and place of learning

Waananga = educational seminar / focussed learning programmes (noun) / to meet, discuss, deliberate, consider (verb)

Laptops & Online Learning:

It is vital that all students bring their laptop to school every day so that they can engage with the online learning opportunities in all their courses. In the Manurewa Vā 2020 seniors have two specific online learning periods so that we can continue to support and prepare them for future University, Tertiary and Business / Trades learning which is now delivered through online learning platforms. If you still need device or internet connection support please email byod@manurewa.school.nz or contact the school office on 09 269 0690.

Ongoing Feedback Opportunities:

Detailed below are ongoing student and whaanau feedback opportunities:

Student Talanoa in TPT Tuesday 9 June 8.20 – 9.00am / Thursday 11 June 8.20-9.00am

Whaanau Talanoa by Zoom - week commencing 15 June. Exact dates and link to follow.

Talanoa meaning to chat, to discuss, to share ideas, to contribute to our story telling.

Revised Term 2 & 3 Calendar Dates

Please see below for the revised calendar dates:

- The Teacher Only Day previously scheduled for Monday 15 June has been cancelled
- Akoranga Conferences are now scheduled for Term 3, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 August
- Class Photos Monday 29 June
- NCEA External Examinations date change – commence Monday 16 November through to Wednesday 9 December - <https://tinyurl.com/NCEA-2020-Exam-Timetable>

Revised 2020 NCEA and University Entrance (UE) requirements

We know some of our students - and their whaanau - are worried that they might not be able to attain NCEA or UE this year, because of the disruption caused by COVID-19.

To help address this and support students, the following changes are being made to NCEA and University Entrance (UE) requirements for this year:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. These additional credits will be known as Learning Recognition credits. For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA either through internal or external assessment, they are entitled to an additional 1 credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits.
- Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50.
- Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.
- Current UE requirements have been reduced from 14 to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements to be awarded University Entrance.

These changes have been designed to encourage students to continue working towards their NCEA and to ensure that the NCEA attained by our rangatahi this school year is just as valid as those earned in previous years.

I understand there is a lot of information in this communication, therefore if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your Kaitiaki in the first instance or relevant Whaanau Team.

Ngaa mihi

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