

Kia Ora Students and Whaanau

I hope you all remain safe and well in your bubbles and I just wanted to thank you for all your aroha and support over what has been a challenging time for everyone. Thank you to all our whaanau and staff who continue to work so hard to support our rangatahi to stay engaged with their akoranga / learning during lockdown.

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1. 'Operation Delta' Return to School planning

For the last week of term mahi for online learning and our learning guide for the week will be posted on Monday via all our usual platforms. Teachers will not be running live online lessons during the rest of the week to allow time for our 'Operation Delta' Return to School planning. Kaitiaki will be checking in as usual and will be asking if your son or daughter will be returning when we move down to Level 2. We all hope that we will move down to Level 2 sometime during the term break and be able to return to school in person at the start of Term 4.

2. Transition back to school at Level 2

If we are allowed to return on Monday 18th October we will start with a two-day transition programme which will allow us to bless and welcome everyone back to our kura, create some time for everyone to reconnect and time to explain to all aakonga / learners our plan for the rest of the term. All students will be issued 'Operation Delta' passports which will step out the plan for the term ahead along with their new Term 4 timetable.

3. Operation Delta 7-week plan

From Wednesday 20th October our Operation Delta 7-week plan will commence which involves a revised Term 4 timetable for seniors to maximise the time available with their course teachers. Our focus is to enable and support all our seniors to **'Get Qualified'**. This will mean that seniors will spend a day every week with their teacher for each of their courses. Junior timetables will remain the same with some minor changes for some classes. We will be sending further details regarding 'Operation Delta' before the end of the term break and it will be the focus of next weeks online assembly.

4. Learning Recognition Credits

The Government have announced this week additional Learning Recognition Credits for all Auckland students as detailed below:

In summary, these are:

- *Auckland students will be entitled to 1 Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 4 credits they achieve through assessment **in the 2021 school year.***

- **Auckland students will be eligible for up to 16 LRCs at NCEA Level 1 (revised total 64 required), and 12 LRCs at Levels 2 and 3 (revised total 48 required).**
- *The threshold for Auckland students to be awarded a Certificate Endorsement will be 44 credits at Merit or Excellence level.*
- *Auckland students will require 12 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level to receive Course Endorsements.*
- **To be awarded University Entrance, students in Auckland will need to achieve 12 credits in each of 3 University Entrance Approved Subjects, as well as attaining NCEA Level 3 and meeting the usual literacy and numeracy requirements.**

5. Devices

It will be really important that all students bring their devices every day fully charged and headphones if you have them as online work will continue in school to ensure we are prepared if we have to go into another lockdown. Also learning programmes will still be online for all students in case you have not been able to return to school for any reason. If you are still without a device and/or internet please contact byod@manurewa.school.nz or phone 09 269 0690 select 0 with the following information:

ID Number and Full name of the student with the information no device and/or no internet connection.

6. Vaccination and mask wearing requirements

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need support. When we do get to Level 2 we will continue to respect and support all our whaanau as to whatever decisions you make. Just to be clear, whilst the recommendation is for everyone over 12 to get vaccinated, you do not have to be vaccinated to return to school. Also, whilst wearing a mask is recommended in a school setting it is not compulsory. Please rest assured that our school will be following all the Level 2 Health Guidelines when we are able to return.

7. COVID-19 information

For further advice or information, you can visit the official website <https://covid19.govt.nz/> which will always have the most up to date and reliable information. Please remember to live our school values on social media and be aware that not all information is accurate, so use the official websites.

Kia kaha taatou, look after yourselves and whaanau. Stay home, Stay safe, Save lives.

Ngaa mihi

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