

Fakaalofa lahi atu Students & Whaanau

Thank you for all your support as we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 Delta. Due to the rising number of COVID cases across Taamaki Makaurau and the high number of our senior students and whaanau who do not feel comfortable to return at this stage our Senior Leadership Team has made the decision today to **delay our return to school until Monday 1st November**.

Key factors that have supported our decision making include:

- The level of community vaccinations in Counties Manukau DHB – 87% single dose / 71% double dose
- The significant rise in daily COVID case numbers across Taamaki Makaurau
- Concerns raised by a significant number of our whaanau and staff
- Manurewa being a community of interest with numerous current locations of interest
- Inconsistencies in the health messaging from the Government
- Success with Operation Delta Online – our data has shown online engagement is increasing

We understand this decision will be disappointing for some students and whaanau but we hope you will understand that we are putting the Hauora and safety of our community first as we always do, especially throughout lockdown. This will enable us all to take a few more days to do what we need to do to keep each other safe for when we return on Monday 1st November.

In the meantime, Operation Delta Online is working and will continue for all rangatahi. All the relevant information and resources can be found on Schoology and our MHS Facebook page. We are a NetSafe school and expect all rangatahi to live our school values on all online and social media platforms.

For further Alert Level and COVID-19 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.

The link below is for a Dr Michelle Dickinson (Nanogirl) webinar to support the koorero in making the best decision for you and your whaanau. She explains the COVID-19 virus and the science behind the vaccine in really clear and simple terms and answers a whole range of vaccination questions.
<https://livestream.com/accounts/26834806/events/9893807>

To our rangatahi kia kaha, it is only four more days, keep engaging with us and we will keep supporting you #wegotthis.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need support. Kia kaha taatou, look after yourselves and whaanau. Stay safe in your bubbles, stay home if you can and please keep following the Alert Level 3 guidelines.

Ngaa mihi

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