

Tālofa Students & Whaanau

Thank you for all your support as we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 Delta. Please find below further details regarding our delayed return to school for seniors on **Monday 1st November** and the data we have considered as part of our decision making.

To date we have 350 Y11-13 students who have confirmed they will return on Monday and 112 who will carry on working from home. Based on our total number of Y11-13 students (1202) and our experience returning to school last year we expect to have around 600 students onsite next week.

If you are a senior student and have not yet contacted us please can you reply by Friday 11am to the email or text you received last week from mhs@manurewa.school.nz to confirm if you will now be returning on Monday 1st November.

With the number of staff we will have in on each day teacher student ratios will average around 1-15 and therefore we will have plenty of space to enable physical distancing in classroom spaces. All staff coming into school will have returned a negative COVID test and many are already fully vaccinated.

As per the Government requirements we now have to keep a student COVID vaccination record. Therefore, **all students please confirm your vaccination status by sending your ID number, first name and surname with if you have had no jab / first jab / or are already fully vaccinated to covidvac@manurewa.school.nz.** Attached to this email is the Privacy Statement relating to the collection of vaccination status data.

Vaccination rates continue to rise in our community and currently stand at 88% first dose, 74% second dose for the Manukau DHB. The Prime Minister indicated last week that Auckland will move to the red traffic light level as soon as we hit the 90% double vaccination target which they expect to be by the end of November.

Monday 1st November – first day back for seniors:

- Y11-13 please arrive onsite from 8am and by 8.45am to be ready for a 9am start with a mask, your device (incl. charger and headphones) and go straight to your Kaitiaki room. **The gate will be closed at 9am for the day so if you arrive late you will be asked to return home and continue your learning online. The only exception to this will be if your bus has arrived late.** This is to ensure our Level 3 Health & Safety guidelines are met.
- Mask wearing is mandatory for all inside spaces and any student arriving at school will be given a mask at the gate if they don't already have one. If any student has a mask exemption for medical reasons please ensure you have your pass with you or on your phone
- The Kaitiaki session (9-9.40am) will start with karakia and whakawhanaungatanga and then confirmation everyone is clear on their plan for the day (printed timetables will be available for all students onsite)
- At 9.40am all students onsite will go to their class for the day.
- If any senior student needs to loan a device for the day please email BYOD@manurewa.school.nz with the student details
- At interval and lunch, we will ask all students go outside for fresh air

- Lunches will be available for students to pick-up outside the hall and the old canteen next to the pavilion at the start of lunch. A breakfast snack will be available each day for collection each day, outside the hall
- **If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school.** Please email attendance@manurewa.school.nz or phone the attendance number 0800 102 132 to inform us of their absence. Be assured that if a student or staff member becomes unwell and shows symptoms, we will send them home immediately
- Bus services resume from Monday 26 October with all four of our routes operating; 001, 002, 004 and 055. Auckland Transport have informed us of the following important information for students travelling to school by bus;
Face coverings will be required on school transport for everyone aged 12 and over.
Entry and exit is through the rear door of the bus and standing passengers are allowed on school buses.
School bus timetable information can be found here;
<https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/timetables/school-timetables/manurewa-high/>

Operation Delta will continue online for all juniors and any seniors unable to return and all the relevant information and resources can be found on Schoology and our MHS Facebook page.

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. Please remember to live our school values on social media and be aware that not all information is accurate, so use the official websites.

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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