

Teena koutou e te whaanau.

Unexpected Event Grades and attendance at NCEA exams

A number of whaanau and students have expressed concern about students attending exams at Alert Level 3 at Manurewa High School. While the exams will be going ahead as planned and we will have COVID-19 rules in place, we understand ongoing concerns around student safety in this COVID-19 environment.

Here is some important information to help you make decisions around exam attendance

- Because of ongoing concerns around COVID-19 in our communities **Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs)** are being made available to all students in Auckland.
- This means that currently our teachers are setting and collecting work from your children which will give them a UEG (back-up) grade for their exams. This UEG grade is based on the practice work for the exams that most students have been doing already with their teachers. The school sends these grades to NZQA, and they will be awarded to the student even if they do not sit the exam.
- These grades can be entered up to the 10th December 2021. This may be after some exams have happened. That is ok.
- The teacher will be able to tell the student what UEG grade they have been given
- The UEG is applied automatically should a student not attend the exam and there will no application needed.

Getting a UEG grade for each exam subject is what is important. If you have that then you are covered if you do not attend the exam for a Covid-19 related reason.

So please encourage your child to work with their teachers and get their UEG work completed, so that they will have a UEG grade entered for them by the 10th December, whether they attended the exam or not.

If for some reason your child has not been able to engage with their class UEG work, please contact their teacher, Kaitiaki or Michelle Hards (DP) at hm@manaurewa.school.nz, for support.

So:

If a student attends an exam:

Students will receive the higher of either the grade they earn in the exam, or the UEG submitted by the teacher

- **If a student does not attend the exam:**

Students who cannot attend the exam will receive the UEG

- **Reasons students may not attend the exam:**
 - ❖ isolating following medical or public health advice
 - ❖ being at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and not fully vaccinated
 - ❖ experiencing personal or family related concern about exposure to COVID-19
 - ❖ having an illness or injury