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Kia ora koutou

Learning that we will be remaining at Alert Level two until 7 September has meant some readjustments to our programmes and events. I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their ongoing resilience in this. Many changes had to be made to sporting events – one of the key ones being spectators not permitted which while disappointing for parents has meant that many sports can continue in Level two. As noted we have had to cancel our Learning Conversations and adjust our Senior Subject Discussion. I wanted to clarify the ruling around assemblies under Alert Level two. As an onsite school community we are exempt from the 100 rule gathering and can run assemblies with caution – such as distancing and ensuring students ‘not breathing on each other’. We have chosen not to run full school assemblies under Alert Level two but have had some smaller Year level assemblies. Hopefully, we can come back together as a full school community soon.

Just a reminder that while everyone is onsite at Alert Level 2, we must adhere to key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come onsite
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures, your daughter does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so.

From Monday 31 August, face coverings are mandatory when using public transport (the school bus services are not considered public transport) while we are at Alert Level Two or above. So, if your daughter uses a public bus service she will need to have a face covering. There is more information about face coverings on this link: <https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/protect-yourself-and-others/wear-a-face-covering/>

For those of you who might be finding things more difficult than usual, a reminder that there is a large range of support available for businesses and the community. We encourage you to go to the <https://covid19.govt.nz/> for more information, or get in touch and we will help you to find the information and support you need.

Ngā mihi,

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