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Kia ora koutou,

The news that Auckland will be joining the rest of New Zealand at Alert Level One is good news but COVID-19 will be with us for many months to come. New cases in our communities remain a possibility, as happened with this recent resurgence in Auckland. It is important we avoid complacency and remain vigilant.

QR code posters continue to be required to be on display at Alert Level 1 and as a school, we need to be ready to support health authorities with contact tracing should new cases emerge in our community. For this reason, visitors to the school are encouraged to check in with our QR codes and must sign visitor logins.

The usual public health measures still apply to our school community:

- maintain our good cleaning and disinfecting practices
- keep encouraging good hygiene standards including hand washing
- people who are unwell should stay away, and seek medical advice
- everyone should get tested if recommended to do so by health professionals.

Face coverings are not required on public transport at Alert Level 1 but continue to be an option for individuals.

For more detailed information on public health measures for schools at Alert Level 1, [check on the MOE website here](#) and information can also be found on the [COVID19.govt.nz website](https://www.covid19.govt.nz).

As mentioned above, while it is great news that the whole country will soon be back at Level One, this year has taught us we cannot be complacent. We have had to apply a 'Covid lens' to many of our events, including our Senior Prize Giving in Term Four. For this reason, our Arts, Sports and Academic Prize Givings will all be held here at school in the Huia Centre and broken down into smaller events so that if alert levels do rise again, we remain in control of the event and it can still go ahead. In this way, the events may be different to past ones, but will still be special and school focused to ensure we celebrate our students' successes and excellence in attainment and effort. Hopefully, alert levels will remain at one, and parents and wider community can be in the audience but either way, they will be recorded. By future proofing them in this way, we can ensure they can proceed.

Ngā mihi,

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