

Burnsie's Bulletin #7
Tuesday, 7 September 2021

Kia ora tatou,

The somewhat sudden move to Alert Level 2 means that I now look forward to welcoming all staff and students back to school on Thursday.

Buses will operate their normal schedules.

We will start Thursday with a 'virtual assembly' in homerooms, then we will be underway with our usual timetable.

It is important that we get back to effective learning and teaching with a minimum of disruption. Our usual expectations for behaviour remain in place. Please ensure your child is at school on time, in the correct uniform and with the necessary equipment. All borrowed **chromebooks, laptops and textbooks are to be returned to MP1** (beside the library) **on Thursday** as they are required back in classrooms..

Our usual health and counselling services will recommence, including a nurse available to secondary students next Monday (13 Sept)

All the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow.

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

It is important that students and staff do not come to school if they are sick.

We encourage people to get vaccinated - these are now available to everyone aged over 12 years.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected.

If you are not sure what all the rules are for alert level 2 when you are out and about, then the following information may be useful to you:

[COVID-19 Alert Levels summary table](#)

[COVID-19 Alert Levels detailed table](#)

NCEA:

Because the lockdown has been for fewer than 20 school days, our students are not eligible for additional learning recognition credits.

In addition to the shift in dates for external NCEA exams - now running 22 November to 14 December - dates have been changed for some portfolio submissions. Subject teachers will notify affected students of details.

Senior Exams:

These full-length exams will run in Week 3, Term 4 (1-5 Nov), with exam leave. Note: this is a change to the previous notification.

Holidays:

There are no plans to change the dates of the upcoming school holidays at this stage. The last day of term three remains 1 October.

Thanks!

I really appreciate the way staff and whānau have rallied around to support each other and our students through these past couple of weeks. Support staff and teachers have shown creativity, energy and enthusiasm in making the most of a very difficult situation, while parents and caregivers have done a great job keeping learning going at home. I look forward to working with you in person as we move towards a sense of normality. Nice job!

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Burns
Principal