

Good afternoon everyone

The 1pm announcement today indicated that the alert levels currently in place across the country (alert level 3 in Auckland) will remain as previously stated and continue until at least Wednesday 26 August. The Prime Minister acknowledged the current sacrifices being made by Kiwis across the country and, specifically those of us that live in Auckland. The call from cabinet was for us to “stay the course” as we try and fully isolate this current cluster-based outbreak.

School remains closed for all students until at least 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 August. I will provide an update on any changes following the cabinet decision on Monday 24 August. Students who need to attend school (under 14 with no other suitable care arrangements, children of essential workers) may attend school if they need to, but families are asked under alert level 3 to keep students at home and only send students to school if the absolutely need to.

If this applies to you for next week, please email covid-19@papatoetohigh.school.nz to indicate your need to have a student onsite. This will assist us in making appropriate onsite arrangements should they be required.

Teachers continue to work with students using our distance learning tools and should you wish to make contact about the amount of work your child is currently engaging with, please do so directly with the deans, or the individual classroom teacher. Click [here](#) for the staff directory. We are a little concerned about the current engagement levels in some areas, so we request you support to ensure that students (particularly in years 11-13) are making regular contact with their classroom teachers.

Should you still require a contactless pick up of learning resources, as arranged through subject teachers, you can still do this via the school office and at the pre-arranged time. From next week, access to our site will only be via the Nicholson Ave entrance.

For students in years 9 – 12, course selection for 2021 can now be made via the student portal. All students have been emailed instructions, relevant to their year level, on how to use the portal and we encourage you to work with your children to get options selected as swiftly as possible over the next week. Click [here](#) for a the link to the student portal.

Finally, we have made a bit of an error regarding the dates listed on our materials for out of zone applications. The correct closing date for out of zone enrolment applications is Wednesday 2 September (at 4pm). The ballot date is Wednesday 9 September. These dates differ from the enrolment form on the website and from some flyers we had printed. If anyone you know is planning to make an out of zone enrolment application please be do assist us in passing on this, now corrected, information.

As always, stay safe, follow the rules, look after each other and feel free to email us using covid-19@papatoetohigh.school.nz if you have any specific concerns surrounding our current lockdown approach, or simply require information.

Regards
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