



Rangitikei College

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Towards Higher Things

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SCHOOL LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora parents/caregivers and whānau,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Before I go any further I would like to firstly let you know that Mr Tony Booker is recovering well and with each day grows a little stronger. Secondly, I would like to say a huge thank you to our staff and students who have, without hesitation, accepted the challenge of distance learning, endeavour and persevered. To our whānau, who journeyed alongside us supporting your Rangitahi in their distance learning, thank you, thank you, thank you.

At 4pm today our Prime Minister, Jacinda Adern announced the cabinet's decision to move from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2 from Thursday.

What does this mean for us at Rangitikei College?

School is safe to open under Alert Level 2.

Monday 18th May school will be open for all Year levels.

The **overarching message of Alert Level 2** is:

Leave home but in a safe way.

The **three key principles for Alert Level 2** are to:

Reduce the risk of someone getting infected in the first place - hand washing and drying, coughing and sneezing etiquette, physical distancing, cleaning high touch surfaces regularly and staying away if sick.

Ensure we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected - **contact trace**.

Understand that **Alert Level 2 is not business as usual**.

Committing to upholding our three pou;

Vision - Building an engage, empowered, flourishing learning community that knows no limits and where we honour ourselves, each other and the world around us

REAP Values - Respect, Endeavour, Aroha, Perseverance

Core Purpose - Ad Altiora; Mauri Ora
(*Towards Higher Things; Flourishing*)

will ensure we are united going forward to strengthen our community bonds and maximise the learning this experience has afforded us.

To reassure you, our school cleaning staff have ensured our school site has been cleaned over and above the Public Health recommendations.

We will be teaching, modelling and upholding the Public Health recommendations of hygiene procedures and coughing and sneezing etiquette, cleaning down of high touch surfaces regularly and contact tracing. In addition to these, students will be reminded of the school procedures and expectations already in place that promote Health and Wellbeing.

Our whole staff are returning to school on Thursday and Friday of this week. More information will be sent out soon regarding what returning to school will look like for you and your child.

Ad Altiora; Mauri Ora
Michelle Cameron
Deputy **PRINCIPAL**