



## COVID UPDATE 2

Friday 14 August 2020

Kia ora koutou,

What an uncertain time we are in at the moment. I know memories of the last lockdown will be in your minds.

We have been contemplating some decisions over the past weeks and the activities of this week have cemented our thoughts for us and so the following decisions have been confirmed and will not be reviewed. The main reason for not reviewing them is the amount of work that would need to be put into the event prior to it occurring along with the potential risks of those involved. We have also weighed up the anxiety this may place on families at home. We have not made these decisions lightly.

These decisions are based on our current situation. We have no pre warning of any future government decisions so please do not read anything into these decisions other than it was the right decision for us to make at this point in time.

### **School Open Evening**

We are cancelling this event next week. We will communicate this with our contributing families and on our school facebook page. We will have some opportunities for school tours during the day at a later date but for now next week's School Tours and Open Evening are cancelled. Our Open Evening always attracts a large number of parents and so for this reason we need to cancel.

### **School Camps**

We have made the difficult decision this week to cancel our booking for school camps. This was a tough decision but we are aware that it takes a lot of preparation for camps and also parents are needing to often change work commitments. In place of camps we will be offering a wide range of exciting and challenging EOTC activities in our local community. We know many of you have offered a donation for our EOTC week and we will be transferring these donations to allow these programmes to continue. Thanks heaps for your support.

A massive thanks to the parents that had offered their services this year. We hope this decision gives you enough time to manage any work changes you have made.

We will monitor the situation over the weekend and provide more detail on Monday in regards to other events and activities scheduled for this term.

We have again included our response plan which highlights our management of each Covid Level.

We will keep you updated via our Facebook Page. We will also email all families when we have major updates to announce. As always we are following the advice received from the Ministries of Health and Education.

### **Laptops**

We have issued all school laptops to students today to come home on the weekend. This is in case we are required to go to online learning on Monday. Please ensure these are safely cared for and they need to be returned on Monday if we are still at school.

Ngā Mihi

Wayne Jenkins

**PRINCIPAL**



# ROSS INTERMEDIATE COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
<b>Office Protocols</b>	Business as usual.	Social distancing in the office is controlled. All parents <b>MUST</b> enter the school via the office, no exceptions.	Office is closed to the public and open for parent communications with strong physical distancing.	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED WITH <b>ONLINE LEARNING</b> SUPPORTED
<b>Classroom Protocols</b>	Business as usual. Hand sanitise as appropriate. Wash hands before eating.	Hand wash or sanitise before eating and when entering a new space. Regular cleaning of desks required. Class trips are able to proceed, assuming less than 100 people.	Learning on site is available for children of essential workers. Additional cleaning schoolwide	
<b>Playground Protocols</b>	Social distancing encouraged where possible. Student to Student contact is permitted.	Social distancing enforced as practical. Students should not be making contact with each other in a physical way ie. hugging, team tag etc... Drinking fountains are turned off.	Students will be seperated in the playground. Equipment closed.	
<b>Other School Protocols</b>		No school or team assemblies. Other school programmes continue as usual. Hand wash or sanitise when entering a new space. Access to Ross is restricted to authorised persons only. Students that are not well are to remain home.	Social distancing at all times.	
<b>Staff Protocols</b>	Continue to promote best practice and reinforce messaging for students.	Staff with concerns about work should talk to Wayne. Support students and ensure protocols are followed.	Classroom Teachers will be managing online learning from home. Health compromised staff <b>MUST</b> remain at home.	
<b>Use of Masks</b>	Not required.	This will be determined from the advice given at the time.		
<b>Outside Groups</b>	Use of Government Covid App encouraged.	Use of Government Covid App encouraged. Contact tracing sheets to be submitted to school.	CLOSED	

**IMPORTANT:** These guidelines are subject to change based on government advice at the time.