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NAENAE COLLEGE

Hea rea here a ngā
raumānuka e kore
whawhati

Bind the multitudes of
mānuka together and
never be broken

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora ē te whānau

I am pleased that we have moved down to Alert Level 3. It is reassuring that the "go hard, go early" approach seems to be keeping New Zealanders safe. I also appreciate the disruption to our lives and livelihoods that this means for the country.

Level 3 has meant the return to school for the children of essential workers. I would like to thank those students for their courage and their cooperation. I would also especially like to thank our team of staff who have supported these students back at College and those working online. A bonus of being back at Kura is that Kāpura Healthy lunches are also back on board and students have appreciated the supply of healthy food back here at school. It is good. I know. I ate it today!



WHERE TO GET THE GOOD OIL!

Find out what's happening
through our website:

www.naenae-college.school.nz

or our Facebook page

- Ministry of Education announcements
- Ministry of Health announcements
- Naenae College posts
- Links to learning
- Links to COVID updates
- Translations of COVID updates
- FAQs about returning to College
- Communication from the College
- Online learning
- Hard copy resources

Please remember to let us know if you wish to return your student to College under COVID-19 Alert Level 3.

Email: admin@naenae-college.school.nz

Or ring us at College during office hours. We are happy to discuss how this works and how we can help you.

I know many of you will be getting your COVID-19 vaccinations as are the staff of Naenae College. Further information has been provided by the Ministry of Health.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect each of us and our whānau. The more of us who are vaccinated in our community, the greater our immunity.

The Government approved a vaccine to immunize and protect 12 to 15-year-olds. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has been approved by our Medsafe experts. This vaccine is also used for 12 to 15-year-olds in other countries such as Canada, USA, Europe and Japan. Here is a [video you can watch](#) to explain how the vaccine works.

Many parents and whānau would like to provide informed consent on behalf of their young person. The easiest way to do this is for a parent or caregiver to be present during vaccination and provide verbal consent. You can book your young person in for vaccination at the same time as your vaccination or accompany them to their appointment.

- You can book through your GP or through vaccination centers: Book online through [Book My Vaccine](#)
- For a group booking, call the COVID Vaccination Healthline on [0800 28 29 26](tel:0800282926) (8 am–8 pm, seven days a week).

Principal's Comments Continued

We await further information about Alert Levels with Monday's announcement and, for now, we anticipate further online learning heading into next week.

In response to our concerns for some of our Year 12 and 13 students who do practical subjects which are difficult to translate into the online space, our Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Faculty met to discuss how else we might support these students with NCEA.

Relevant to this is advice we have had from the Ministry of Education.

Senior secondary school students return under Alert Level 3

As mentioned in our 29 August bulletin issue, at Alert Level 3 the governing bodies of schools have the option of bringing some of their Year 12 and 13 students back to school for face-to-face learning.

If schools consider there is an educational need for a student, or students, in Year 12 or 13 to physically attend school, they will need to provide a brief description of their proposal and sign an attestation that they will meet the public health requirements (principals can do this on behalf of their governing body). They then need to email the online form to the Secretary for Education for approval.

Please note that if the number of children needing to attend school increases, schools will need to submit a new application.

I have asked our team to consider how this might help students and we will consider inviting students into Senior bubbles following Monday's announcement.

If you need food, there's a place near you that can help.

Orongomai Marae 04-528 9639
Upper Hutt

Stokes Valley Food Bank 027 557 0248
Stokes Valley

Te Aroha Kai 04-939 8347
Taitā & Pōmare

Kōkiri Marae 04-939 7906
Wainuiōmata

Hutt City Salvation Army 04-570 0273
Central and South Lower Hutt



**HUTT VALLEY
EMERGENCY KAI COLLECTIVE**

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, we are keen to ensure that you are aware of the way that the community has pulled together to support those with need. Food is available within the Hutt if you need it. I encourage you to access these providers as they are receiving food regularly and will want to pass it on in a timely fashion.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and hope that you find some time in the sun with your family and whānau.

Ngā mihi manaaki
Nic Richards
Principal

So, what is going on with NCEA?

In a recent circular from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority - the people who run NCEA - there have been further announcements about learning recognitions credits and other NCEA/US changes that add to the changes of exam dates announced earlier. They are as follows:

Changes to NCEA for 2021

Because being in COVID-19 lockdown has affected learning and assessment, changes have been made to NCEA, NZ Scholarship and University Entrance. These changes help give students a fair opportunity to gain the qualification they are aiming for.

These changes will take effect if your school is in Alert Level 3 or 4 for a total of 20 or more school days this year.

This will mean that there is a good chance of assistance to students **should** Wellington be at Level 3 for 20 days. We are currently on day 13.

There is a risk if we rely on these changes to support our achievement and Wellington does not stay in Level 3 for all of next week and two days of the following week which would bring our total to 20 days.

What can we do?

What we need to do is to keep on engaging in online learning and have confidence that this is sufficient to ensure our success no matter when we return to school. My advice is to be careful of a false sense of security. Keep up the steady and consistent effort and you will be well placed for success this year.

NZQA FAQ

1. What is being announced?

If schools and kura are disrupted by Alert Levels 3 or 4 for a total of 20 or more school days in 2021, these additional changes will apply:

- Students sitting NCEA will receive Learning Recognition Credits, and thresholds to receive Course and Certificate Endorsements will be adjusted, like they were in June 2020.
- This includes applying the same adjusted threshold as in 2020 for students to be awarded University Entrance.

8. What happens if one or more regions are in lockdown for a period less than 20 school days?

Learning Recognition Credits and changes to thresholds for endorsements and UE would not apply.

Changes to exam and other assessment dates have already been made, which allow more time for students who are not in a protracted lockdown to complete their work and prepare for end-of-year assessment.

Please watch this space and Naenae College will keep students and families/whānau informed.