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To the Naenae College Parents and Caregivers:

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Education is a contact sport! We are expecting students to begin to return to school after COVID related absences over the next few weeks and we have noticed a slight increase in numbers on site so far this week. Well done.

It feels good to be potentially coming out the other side of the worst of it and being able to support the best quality learning we can with teachers in front of classes of eager students. This is where the mahi happens that leads to great outcomes. 2021 Naenae College achieved an 89% school leaver pass rate for NCEA Level 2 – a great effort from this year's Yr 13 students.

COVID will continue to impact on students and families but there is a national sense that we are about to turn the corner. We will of course continue to support students and families through until everyone is back at school.

With this in mind, we are going to reach out to students who may be ready to return to school to support them in being confident about coming back. LAR teachers will be starting with students who have now been out for 10 days or more.

If you have COVID, you will need to isolate for at least 7 days while you recover. Your 7 days start from Day 0 — the day your symptoms started or the day you got tested.

You do not need a test to leave isolation. If you do, the result would likely show as positive but that does not mean you are infectious. If you are still sick, stay home until you are well and for 24 hours after your symptoms resolve. (<https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/if-you-have-covid-19/>)

When we contact you, we really want to know how you are going and to understand how and when we can support your child's return to school. If you are ready... WE NEED YOU TO RETURN.

Contained in this update:

- **If you are ready, WE NEED YOU... TO RETURN!**
- **Situation update – the numbers**
- **Year 13 returning to school Monday 21 March**
- **Year 12 extension of rostering home until Thursday 24 March – subject to confirmation next week**
- **Return of devices**

As of today, the table below represents the percentage of each Year level attending which we anticipate to steadily grow over the next fortnight:

	Wed 9 March	Wed 16 March	301 students
Year 9	56%	56%	115 students
Year 10	47%	56%	101 students
Year 11	49%	50%	85 students
Year 12	42%	Home	0
Year 13	Home	Home	0

Year 13 returning to school Monday 21 March

My thanks to Year 13 who have rostered home for two weeks. This has allowed us to manage staying open.

Year 13 are now to return to school on Monday 21 March as indicated last week.

Year 12 extension of rostering home for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week – returning Thursday 24 March

We have taken the decision to stagger the return of Year 12 until Thursday 24 March which will allow us to continue to manage staff shortages and to confirm that the down turn in cases and the increase in students returning is part of an overall trend that we can sustain. We will confirm this decision next week.

Reminder: 09 Mar 2022 announcement, the isolation period for COVID-19 cases and their household contacts will be reduced from 10 to 7 days.

Return of devices

Students who are returning to school and have borrowed devices are asked to return their devices promptly to the Student Centre.

Ngā mihi manaaki

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