

7th September 2021

Move to Alert Level 2

Kia ora whanau,

You'll be aware that all of New Zealand (with the exception of Auckland) is **moving to Alert Level 2 from midnight tonight**. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland.

Extensive wastewater testing and the numbers of people getting tested across the country has given the Government confidence that it is safe to allow a shift down to Alert Level 2 across most of New Zealand.

We are really looking forward to **welcoming everyone back onsite on Thursday morning**. Tomorrow (Wednesday) we will be continuing to support the ākonga who have been onsite at Alert Level 3 while we prepare for re-opening to all on Thursday.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please do continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow.

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected.

To find out more about what **Alert Level 2 looks like at Hamilton SDA School**, please refer to our [Covid-19-Health and Safety Action Plan](#)

Families who were **provided a Chromebook will need to ensure that they are returned** to school on Thursday, with their chargers and preferably in the boxes they were delivered in.

Sadly, **Sports Camp has been canceled** this year and there will be no postponement later in the year. Families who paid their Sports Camp fees will be reimbursed.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if there is something you need assistance with. See you Thursday!

Ngā mihi
Shaun Hurlow