

Tuesday 16th November 2021



COVID level 3 lockdown RETURN TO SCHOOL (Newsletter #14 –Term 4 – Week 5)

Tēnā koutou katoa o whanau o Te Atatū Intermediate.

We are very much looking forward to seeing students back at school, albeit on alternate days. I am breaking my usual Thursday newsletter to get information to you about the return this week for the students, **starting with Year 7s tomorrow (all odd numbered calendar days) and then Year 8s on Thursday (on all even numbered calendar days).**

There will be no newsletter on Thursday. Thank you to those who responded to our survey - it is looking like we will have around 87% of students who will return across their designated days.

In our return to school, student welfare and safety is of paramount concern. With this in mind, I have summarised our safety plan for families to see how we intend to manage safety at level 3. Our central concept will continue to focus on is **ROUTINE and RECONNECTION** for the remainder of the term.

Some key points- across each bubble class, we will only have their class teacher and one of our specialist or technology teachers linked with the class. This allows coverage should a teacher be absent, and follows the requirements of being allowed two teachers to connect in with each bubble class. A reminder: all staff on site will have had a negative covid test and have been vaccinated.

The students who will be attending school every day who are children of essential workers, will form an additional bubble class, which will be taken by Mr / Mrs Collins to avoid mixing of class bubbles.

TAI Return to School Safely Document from November 17th 2021

This document has the key components for a safe return back to school for the remainder of the year. A reminder that Year 7s and Year 8s will alternate their days. Each class will have two teachers assigned that they will have for the entirety of this plan, as per MoE guidelines.

Year 7 First day - Wednesday 17 November, then Friday 19 November, then Tuesday 23 November and so on.... (ODD DAYS OF THE CALENDAR)

Year 8 First day - Thursday 18 November, then Monday 22 November, then Wednesday 24 November and so on... (EVEN DAYS OF THE CALENDAR)

NUMBER ONE RULE HOWEVER - IF SICK - PLEASE STAY HOME!

BREAK TIMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must exit classes via outside doors -sanitise hands on exiting • Students must be 2m apart from one another during break times. • Sports equipment must be disinfected at the end of each break time. • Students enter classrooms via outside doors - sanitise hands/disinfect equipment on entry • Syndicates take breaks at different times across the day.
PARENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents, <u>please do not come onto the school site.</u> • Should you urgently need to come onsite for any reason, Please make sure that you are masked up and scan the QR code at the office. <u>Please wait only at the office</u> - do not go into any areas of the school. • If collecting after school - please <u>do not arrange to meet at the gate.</u> Arrange a location away from other students.

A reminder that students will need to:

- Wear full school uniform
- Wear a mask (see note above re mask exemption)
- Bring lunch as the tuck shop is not operating for the remainder of the year
- Bring a drink bottle filled with water.
- Bring a smile - we are looking forward to seeing you.

Finally parents, I would like to thank you for your support of the school - these are strange and challenging times. We have the health, safety and wellbeing of all students and staff at the forefront of our return, and we look forward to a positive restart over the next few days.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, noho haumarū.

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