

27 September 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers

### Online Learning

Well done students you have made it to the final week of the online programme for term 3. Please ensure you attempt to complete all set assignments by the end of this week. However, as everyone works at a different pace and will experience lockdown differently, please email your teacher directly if you are overwhelmed by the work being provided or you require extension tasks to challenge you.

### Students on-site

Now we have moved to alert level 3 we have begun to invite small groups (10 per class) of senior students on-site. In the first instance, Year 12 and 13 students completing practical expressive arts and technology subjects have been offered workshops to help them catch up. Currently, there is no provision from the Ministry of Education to allow any other students on-site to collect resources. If you need something to prepare for upcoming exams, please contact your teacher who should be able to organise a scanned copy. If you still require a computer device, please email: [luke.doubleday@howick.school.nz](mailto:luke.doubleday@howick.school.nz)

### NCEA Covid related changes

[Here is the latest update on NCEA changes](#) owing to Covid-19 from the Ministry of Education

Key changes are:

- 1 Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 4 credits students achieve through assessment in the 2021 school year, up to 16 for L1 and 12 for L2 and L3
- Certificate Endorsement will be 44 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Course Endorsements will be 12 credits, not 14
- UE subjects will require 12, not 14 credits

### Student leader applications for 2022

Students in Year 12, Mr Bannister will be sending out this week the application form and process to apply for leadership positions in 2022. Please follow the application process carefully and ensure you meet the deadlines.

### Support

Parents, if you have any concerns regarding your child's online learning, please email their teacher in the first instance and then the Head of Learning area (see below). You can use your child's timetable on the school portal to find the name of your child's subject teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board, staff and wider community for their support while I have been acting principal. We look forward to welcoming Mr Ropati back from his secondment in term 4, when we hope to see everyone back in person at school. In the meantime, take care and stay safe in your bubbles.

Yours faithfully



Dr. Paul Bennett  
**Acting Principal**

## HOUSE DEANS

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## HEADS OF LEARNING AREAS

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Innovation - [natalie.kallwass@howick.school.nz](mailto:natalie.kallwass@howick.school.nz)

Mathematics and Business - [sush.kuar@howick.school.nz](mailto:sush.kuar@howick.school.nz)

PE and Health - [james.kumate@howick.school.nz](mailto:james.kumate@howick.school.nz)

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