

17 February 2021

Dear parents and caregivers

**RE: Covid-19 Update – Auckland at Alert Level 2**

I am pleased to advise you that following the Prime Minister's announcement this evening, we are in a position to welcome back everyone tomorrow morning.

- **School re-opening Thursday 18 February**

- Howick College will be open to all students tomorrow Thursday 18 February.
- Buses will operate as per normal. Face coverings are optional for school contracted buses, but compulsory for all public buses.
- Some in-school co-curricular activities involving large gatherings will be postponed until we return to alert level 1.
- The school cafeteria will be open.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

- **Public health advice**

- Fundamental health measures will continue to be in place as per previous lockdowns
- If feeling unwell, please stay home and consult a doctor
- Hand hygiene and sanitising will be encouraged
- Coughing and sneezing etiquette is a must
- The school will continue to disinfect touch surfaces

- **Weekend Sport**

- College Sport Auckland has advised that all College Sport Competitions over the weekend can resume limited to no more than 100 people.

As this week ends, I remind all our community of the duty we have to collectively respond to the challenges of this new wave of Covid-19. Our courage to act appropriately in these extraordinary times will determine our collective success in overcoming the virus.

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received regarding our online learning programme and I wish all our community well.

Regards

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**Principal**