

22 October 2021

Dear Students

As you will already know the Minister for Education has advised that students in Years 11-13 can return to school from 8.40am on Tuesday 26 October. However, not everyone needs to return. It is **optional** but you need your parent's approval to continue to learn from home.

Students who do not have practical subjects (PE, Arts, Technology), or those who have already achieved their NCEA goals, it is recommended that you stay studying at home and continue online learning. However, teachers will only be able to offer learning through Google Classroom, in most cases the weekly online lessons will not be continuing.

Please make contact with your Dean if you need to discuss whether you are on track to learn from home or not. When considering if you are on track please be aware that Learning Recognition Credits are calculated based only on those credits you earned in 2021.

We will continue to adhere to Ministry of Health guidelines and protocols to manage any potential risks. Students you **MUST** follow these guidelines at all times, otherwise you will be sent home:

- If anyone is sick then you should remain at home. Get tested and not return to school until you have received a negative test and you have no further symptoms.
- Bring a mask and wear it at all times, including on buses to and from school. If you forget to bring one with you, please see the Student Office first thing in the morning.
- If anyone is sick while at school, go immediately to the Health Centre.
- Hand sanitiser will be available in every classroom. Clean your desk and equipment when directed by your teacher.
- Where appropriate physical distancing will apply (No touching each other and keep 1m apart)
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water supply and only use the school fountains to refill their drink bottles.
- Avoid meeting in large groups, particularly when inside.
- Use appropriate coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- We will be cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces daily.
- Go and get vaccinated

Our primary focus over the next few weeks is to ensure senior students all have the opportunity to achieve their individual NCEA goals. We will be issuing derived grades to students in the next three weeks, this will allow more of you to determine if you need to be onsite or not.

You must turn up to NCEA exams, otherwise you will be given a SNA. For each external standard you attend you will receive the best grade out of your derived grade and the real grade you achieve. Talk to your teachers or Deans and be strategic about where you focus your study for the next six weeks.

Stay safe, get vaccinated, follow the health guidelines above and we look forward to welcoming some of you back on Tuesday.

Regards

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Principal