

Kia or students,

I hope you had a good couple of days and have managed to spend some time unwinding and setting a plan in place for your online learning and studying.

When you are planning, make sure you know your timetable (today is a Day 4). Your teachers should only schedule a Google Meet during the time your class would have been held at school, so even though you have more flexibility learning at home, it's good to keep that timetable in the back of your mind. If your teacher makes a mistake and sets a meet for the wrong time, please attend the one for your timetabled class.

I've had some students ask if we will be able to allow access to school to collect items from lockers and classrooms. Unfortunately, at Alert Level 4, we are unable to allow anyone access to the school. We are hoping to hear more in the next few days from the Ministry of Education about how we can help with this. Please don't worry – the lockdown was unexpected and fast, and we will be able to work around all situations.

I know our senior students will be aware that our school exams are scheduled to begin in Week 8, (starting 13 September). We are all uncertain how long this lockdown will last, and in the meantime, we are moving forward in expectation of returning to school and that they will be held. My advice to senior students is to do the same - I will let you know as soon as possible if this looks likely to change.

There are a lot of school activities coming up and we will notify you as soon as we have more information about whether they will proceed or not. I know how disappointing it is to have trips, sporting events and activities delayed or cancelled. It's normal to feel upset when these things happen and if you need someone to chat to our counsellors are there for you.

I hope you enjoy your weekend with your family and manage to get some exercise and FaceTime or Zoom with your friends.

Stay safe, and I will be in touch once we have more details after Tuesday.

Kindest regards

Mrs Stanley
Principal