

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Following the Government's Level 3 announcement today, our school's Senior Leadership Team has discussed what this looks like for Westlake Girls High School.

The direction from the Government is that at Level 3, the vast majority of students should still be learning from home. To this end, while we are at Level 3:

1. **All** students aged 14 years and over (regardless of year level) are expected to stay home and continue online learning.
2. Students aged 12-13 years with a valid reason for not being able to stay at home (eg, both parents have to work away from home), **will** be able to come to school. Please note the preferred option is for students to remain at home if at all possible. Legally students under 14 years can remain at home if there is a person aged 14 years or over in the household supervising them. This includes an older brother or sister.

If you have a daughter aged 13 years, you will receive **A SURVEY** from the school tomorrow with questions around the necessity (if any) of your daughter coming into school from Wednesday 22 September. If you do not receive the survey, it means your daughter should continue to work from home for the duration of Level 3.

Working at school from Wednesday 22 September

For the students who are under 14 and need to be supervised onsite because their parents will be working outside of the home, we will send you more details once we have full guidance from the Ministry of Education.

At this stage we know that masks are mandatory for students and staff indoors at Level 3, and we will have other strict health and safety requirements in place.

At Level 3, teachers and support staff are still encouraged to work from home, so our reception, grounds, classrooms and Admin Building will not be accessible to visitors. This also means there will be no canteen available for students, and lunchtime activities will be restricted. We understand there will be no school bus services at Level 3.

Items left at school

Some of you may be wondering if students can come into school to collect items from their lockers at Level 3. We are awaiting guidance from the Ministry of Education around what we can and can't do at Level 3 and will let you know shortly if this is possible. In the meantime, school remains shut.

Year 9 Subject Options

Please note that Year 9 students will not start their final rotation of options (Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Financial Capabilities, Technologies, DVCT) until we return to school at Alert Level 2.

I want to thank you once again for your tremendous support during this very trying time. We have been so encouraged by your emails and communication with teachers, and we appreciate the work you are doing to support your daughter's learning.

Kindest regards

Jane Stanley
Principal