

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

It seems each time we hear the news there are more places of interest listed in our local community, and I know it's a worrying time for many as friends and family await test results.

I'm sure you will have heard about the positive cases out of Northcote College and Lynfield College yesterday, following on from the positive case at Avondale College the day before. As a school, we feel for those communities and the uncertainty and stress they will understandably be feeling.

All staff and students at these schools are considered close contacts and have been told to get tested and self-isolate at home for 14 days.

I wanted to reassure you that if we are notified of a positive case from within Westlake Girls High School, we will email you immediately. Currently we are aware of a handful of parents and students who have been identified as close contacts through being at a location of interest. They are self-isolating and are being tested. Thank you to those parents who have emailed us to let us know you are in this position.

If you visited a location of interest during the times on the days listed on the Ministry of Health's website, you must self-isolate for 14 days. You will be tested on Day 5 and again on Day 12 regardless of the results from the Day 5 test. Your self-isolation period will be completed after 14 days and returning negative test results.

While this is a worrying and unsettling time, being in a Level 4 Lockdown will provide the best possible opportunity to halt transmission.

The school newsletter will be sent after today's 3pm announcement and will contain any new updates.

I hope you and your family keep safe.

Kindest regards

Jane Stanley
Principal