

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

With yesterday's Government announcement, we now have some clarity around what school will look like for our students over the next few weeks.

I know it will be disappointing for our Junior cohort that they are unable to attend school with their senior counterparts next week, however the Ministry has prioritised Seniors to allow them much needed classroom time at this crucial stage of the year.

Work is being done by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to be able to bring all students back into the school environment, and we will await further announcements over the coming weeks.

We will not be holding Junior exams this year. Students will not be returning to school for some time and, when they do, our priority will be to support them to settle back into school and re-establish relationships with their peers and teachers. We appreciate this is a very difficult time for them.

For now, our Year 9 and 10 students will continue with their online learning from home. Please rest assured our teachers will remain dedicated to these students, and nothing will change in terms of teacher availability, including scheduled Google Meets.

I know it has been a very long road, and lockdown fatigue is affecting motivation. If you have any questions or concerns about your daughter's learning or wellbeing, please utilise the school's support system, including teachers, Deans and counsellors.

Even though our school will be open for senior students from Tuesday 26 October, parent access will not be permitted as we are still operating in a Level 3 environment. If you need to contact our school office for any reason, please email office@westlakegirls.school.nz or phone 489 4169. Please note our Second-Hand Uniform Shop will also remain closed during Level 3.

Kindest regards

Jane Stanley
Principal