

Kia ora Students in Year 11, 12 and 13,

It's now over two months since you began online learning, and I want to start by congratulating you all on a tremendous effort. I know it isn't easy.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back next week. It's been a very disruptive time, and I want to reassure you that our focus will be on supporting and preparing you for your exams in November.

You're done so much of the hard work already, and this really is the sprint to the finish line before a summer holiday where we are all hoping restrictions will be able to be relaxed.

I have attached some information for your return to school next week.

It is normal to feel nervous and worried at a time like this and it is important to remember how well you all did as a group last year despite wondering how you were going to manage a lot of the time. Draw on those experiences and reflections in the coming weeks, they will give you the motivation and strength to continue.

Year 13 students who will be leaving school this year, this situation is affecting all of Auckland, including Tertiary providers who understand and will be flexible. You have already ensured, from your results last year, that students from Westlake Girls will be sought after wherever you are applying to be.

For those of you returning next week, school will feel a different, but I know you will enjoy catching up with friends and seeing your teachers again. Remember that it's a strange time for everyone, and kindness will go a long way to ensuring we stay united as a school community.

I hope you enjoy your long weekend and have some activities planned.

Kindest regards
Mrs Stanley