

Kia ora everyone,

I hope you have had a good day today and are managing to balance your online learning with some exercise and enjoying connecting remotely with your friends.

For our senior students, I know many of you have questions about our school exams that were scheduled in a few weeks.

Now that we are to stay in lockdown for another week we have made the decision not to hold our school exams as scheduled for the following reasons:

- We will have missed two weeks of school by next Tuesday and we are still unsure of when we will be able to return – it is unfair on you all to begin exams immediately we return and staff will be hard pressed to be able to mark these and provide you with timely feedback.
- Students who are studying one or more practical subjects and preparing a portfolio for NCEA have had very limited opportunity to continue their work during lockdown and having time in class is a priority
- We will not be having derived grade tests like we did last year – teachers are able to gather other evidence from your work during the year should you need this.

Your teachers will use these exam papers for revision whether we are in lockdown or at school – they will give you more information.

If you are in Year 11, do not worry about not having sat NCEA externals before. One of the things we learnt last year was, that despite not having had the experience of an external exam before, our students did a great job – you have already had plenty of practice with our school junior exams and in class tests.

This decision has been made to give you the best opportunity to enjoy your learning through this challenging time without unnecessary workload.

Kind regards

Mrs Stanley