

Return to school for Senior students

COVID-19 Level 3 regulations

General

All senior learners are expected to be at school, on time and in full school uniform from Tuesday 26 October. It is Day 2.

Class resources will continue to be posted online for learners who are unable to be at school.

The final day of classes for senior learners will be Wednesday 17 November at which time they will have study leave for their NCEA external examinations.

Years 9 +10 remain working from home.

Year 13 students will be allocated to rooms for their study periods. This is for contact tracing purposes.

Year 13 students will be required to be on site at all times, with the exception of being able to sign out if their study period is timetabled in Period 5.

Health and Safety

Face masks are mandatory and must be worn across the school by all.

The expectation is that all students will have their own masks as these are required in our current level 3 environment. There will be spare masks available if needed.

Windows and doors are to be open throughout the school day.

Bubbles

There will no longer be bubbles of up to ten students required when all senior students return onsite, including for those students already onsite in Years 1 to 10.

Wherever practicable a one-metre distance should be kept from all others onsite, particularly between staff, and a two-metre distance from people you don't know.

Existing Alert Level 3 requirements that will continue

There are an extensive range of health requirements and measures at Alert Level 3 that will remain in place:

- staff and children who are unwell must stay at home, and get tested for COVID-19
- children at higher risk of severe illness remain home, where possible
- staff who are not fully vaccinated and at higher risk of severe illness must remain home
- mandatory mask wearing for staff and students in Years 9 to 13

- only essential visitors will be permitted on site and all visitors onsite will need to wear a face covering
- good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- classrooms to be well ventilated
- high touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected each day
- physical distancing will be adhered to wherever practicable, particularly between adults
- physical distancing of two metres will be in place from people you don't know
- QR code posters for the COVID app will be displayed
- a contact tracing register in place for everyone coming onsite including students and staff, through the attendance register, timetable and visitor register.

Additional public health measures

Over the last two weeks, we have worked with the Ministry of Health and Education to refine public health measures that would need to be in place when children and young people return to school and early learning services.

Some additional public health measures were agreed by Cabinet on **Monday 11 October**:

1. Face coverings will be required on school transport for people aged 12 and over.
2. Time outdoors for students and staff will be maximised, including breaks, lunchtime, before and after school (unless the weather does not allow), and rooms will be aired during breaks.
3. Exercising and singing will take place outdoors.
4. Groups meeting indoors, including assemblies or staff meetings, will be avoided.
5. Exams can go ahead but physical distancing will be maximised within the space available with a minimum of 1.5 metres between desks.

Canteen and Food

The Canteen will be operating. Service may be slower and it would be helpful if staff and students are able to bring food and drink from home.

No shared food.

Practical Lessons:

Lessons involving physical activity, singing or dancing should be conducted outside. Science, Technology and Art subjects completing practical activities should try to maintain social distancing.

Unexpected Event Grades:

We will have further information next week about the process, regarding application for these should the need arise.