

## **Urgent Information for Whaanau 22 March 2020**

We at Rototuna High Schools are pleased to confirm that as of the writing of this communication we have NO confirmed COVID-19 cases at Rototuna High Schools. Our key message is, **no student should be attending school with any signs of illness under any circumstance.**

We as a school have always tried to communicate in advance with whaanau/families about any events or changes in our calendar. In our current situation we have been pushed to work outside our normal framework and we acknowledge that whilst this notification is late, we feel it is important to take these steps.

As our whaanau community, we know you understand the environment that we work in, that is open plan spaces with large numbers of staff and students (2200 people on site). Our Board of Trustees alongside our Principals have met to look at ways that we can ensure the health and safety, and wellbeing for all of our staff, students and wider school community.

We have followed all guidance from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to ensure our school is as safe as we can make it. We have increased our hygiene procedures, put in place systems to provide for online learning in case of school closure, ceased assemblies, and reconfigured the way that we are teaching and learning. With this in mind, we would like to step up the health and safety practices in our school. This will include putting in place systems to test our online learning and creating space for social distancing to be realised in our unique environment.

### **Testing our systems & providing space for social distancing:**

As of tomorrow, **Monday 23 March**, we are rostering students home to undertake their normal timetabled learning online from home.

The following students will do their learning at home and will be expected to stay home:

### **Junior High School**

**Monday-Wednesday:** Year 7 & 8 students attend school. Year 9 & 10 students stay at home to complete online learning tasks.

**Thursday-Friday:** Year 9 & 10 students attend school. Year 7 & 8 students stay at home to complete online learning tasks.

## **Senior High School**

**Monday and Thursday:** Year 11 students attend school. Year 12 & 13 stay at home to complete online learning tasks.

**Wednesday:** All Senior High students to complete project learning at home

**Tuesday and Friday:** Year 12 and 13 students attend school. Year 11 stay at home to complete online learning tasks.

Please support our online, at home learning by establishing routines for this to take place and by checking in with your child/ren regarding tasks set and completed. We are acting in a way that we know will support our learners as we move forward. Your support of us at this time is appreciated and if you have any comments or need any further clarification then please communicate with us via our 'Contact Us' section of our website.

Please note that any student that needs to attend school because of lack of supervision at home or due to parents/caregivers working in essential services, will be catered for here at school. These students will be supervised at school to complete their online learning.

Similarly, if you feel you do not want to send your child/ren to school at this time, then please keep them at home. It is important that you follow the usual attendance process (inform us of absence) if your child/ren are not attending when they are scheduled to.

### **Further important information we need you to act on:**

- **Do not send students who are immuno-compromised, have underlying health conditions (<https://bit.ly/March2203>) or are sick.**
- We need families to continue to follow our attendance processes as normal: [absences@rhs.school.nz](mailto:absences@rhs.school.nz).
- Prompt collection is required if students are unwell - we cannot have students waiting for collection for extended periods of time.

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**The Board of Trustees Rototuna High Schools**