



Kia ora koutou

I hope this email finds you safe and well.

As we respond to the changing COVID-19 context we live in, I write to update you on what the impending shift to the COVID-19 Protection Framework will mean for your young person and our kura.

New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework

The move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework from 11.59pm on Thursday 02 December means we will be moving to 'Orange'. However, for the remainder of 2021 school year Tauranga Girls' College will retain our existing COVID-19 settings. This means that we don't have to change the way we are operating classes this year and everyone can continue to attend school onsite. It also means that our students sitting NCEA examinations will continue to do so as is currently happening.

This current setting would only be altered if we were notified of a positive COVID case that had been present on site here at school. If this were to eventuate, we would communicate our response to you.

Existing COVID-19 settings

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- if students and staff are sick, they must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation for all gatherings

The following are also important reminders -

- Contact tracing and case management will continue to be very important with contacts being identified, self-isolating and getting tested.
- Face coverings on school transport now align with requirements for public transport at every Covid Protection Framework (CPF) setting.
- Events and activities not related to the curriculum will need to align with requirements for the relevant settings in the CPF, as will offsite curriculum-related activities.
- In addition, can we remind you to communicate with us by telephone/email if your young person will be away from school, for whatever reason. If work is required, the House Dean will ensure work is available in the Google Classroom.

If at any stage there is a need for us to respond to Ministry of Health guidelines or a shift in CPF settings, we will communicate with you in a timely manner.

If you'd like to learn more about the framework visit [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#).

Learning for the remainder of the school year

Our expectation is that all Year 9 and 10 students are present at school and engaged in learning until 3.20pm on Monday 13 December.

You will be aware there was a need for our Offsite Activities days for Year 9 and 10 to be cancelled. Under the CPF Traffic light system the 'My Vaccination Pass' allows greater freedoms and access to 'everyday activities'. We did not have 90% of students qualifying for the pass, meaning off site activities could not take place..

Instead, we are planning onsite alternative days as emailed on Monday. Meaningful and enjoyable learning has been planned that also allows time for students to complete projects within their option classes.

Lastly, please note in your calendar a change of date for our Junior Prizegiving celebration. This will now be streamed live from 11.30am on Monday 13 December. We will be in touch with the live stream link closer to the time.

Ngā mihi once again for your ongoing support .



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