



18 August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing to you with regards to:

1. Senior students being able to return to school
2. Assessment and exams

Late yesterday afternoon the Ministry of Education wrote to all Principals and alerted us to the idea of trying to enable small groups of Year 12 & 13 students to be able to come into school if any subject required specialist facilities or teaching. They specifically told us to wait for a further email to be sent today. This afternoon they have confirmed that we are able to facilitate small groups for specific purposes. However, under strict guidelines.

For us this means we can enable some Technology and Creative Arts Year 13 students to come into the school for workshop type sessions (e.g. for a day) and utilise necessary specialist facilities. Further details of how that will work will be sent to the relevant students tomorrow and posted on the OLE. At this stage we hope to commence on Thursday providing we can sort the logistics (bathrooms, social distancing, deep cleaning, etc).

Because students must remain in a single bubble during Alert Level 3, and teachers are not allowed to work across bubbles, we are unable to offer much more than this. However, I have included a list of Heads of Faculties below should there be a special request.

I also want to touch base with regards to assessment and practice exams going forwards. We are looking at this closely and considering a range of options. The key issue is to maximise teaching time, complete the necessary internal assessments, and allow at least some practice with exams so that students have confidence going into the end of year NCEA and IB exams. As Chris Hipkins pointed out at today's briefing, students have lost the best part of one term's worth of face to face teaching. Clearly, we are running out of runway.

We will need to draw upon a range of solutions which may include exams and tutorials taking place outside of school time, for example in the holidays, or evenings or weekends. Hopefully, on Friday the Prime Minister will signal a return to Alert Level 2 next week. We will communicate our plans to students and families once it is clear when we will be able to return to school.

I wish you all the very best in these challenging times.

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