



NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O NGĀMOTU

4 February 2022

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a wonderful summer for you and your whānau.

Regarding COVID-19, we have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school, kura activities and events this year. You will be familiar with all the health measures we already have in place, and it is good to know that we can support everyone learning on-site at the red setting. With the movement to red, we will endeavour to offer as many opportunities as we can. With this in mind, we have had to make some changes to the start of the year.

Visitors to the School:

Only essential visitors are allowed on the school site. If you need to come on-site, please sign in at the school reception and wear a mask.

New students and Year 13s on Tuesday 8th February:

Students will meet on the top field at 8.40 am with an appropriate mask. Year 9 students will need to bring their BYOD device (if they have one) and their Welcome to School booklet.

Pōwhiri:

The pōwhiri will be for students and staff only, unfortunately, whānau will not be able to attend.

All students on Wednesday 9th February:

All students will go to their Huia rōpū at 8.40 am (please check your timetable for the correct room).

Assemblies:

Large indoor gatherings continue to be one of the riskier activities we can undertake. For this reason, we will not have indoor assemblies under the current settings. However, the assemblies are an important way for the school to welcome and acknowledge students' success. We will continue to offer them via live streaming or outside with social distancing.

Change of school day on Fridays:

The school is timetabled for an assembly on Friday mornings at 8.40 am each week. Students will now go directly to their Period 1 class and have an early finish for the day at 2.45 pm. We will continue this throughout the current COVID settings. Students will have an early finish on Thursdays and Fridays until further notice.

Face coverings:

Staff and children in Years 9 to 13 must wear an appropriate mask when inside at school and while travelling on buses to and from school under current traffic light settings. Public health advice is that an appropriate mask will fit snugly and seal well around facial contours.

Managing cases in our school:

We have a good contact tracing system in place so that if there is a confirmed case who has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify who was a close contact of that person. We will then promptly advise those contacts of what they need to do. Please make sure the contact details we have on file are up-to-date, so we can get in touch with you if needed. Email: office@npbhs.school.nz or update via the school portal.

Safety of others:

If your son displays any of the flu-like symptoms please do not let him attend school.

Timetables:

Students will need to check their timetable on the portal for any late changes.

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our COVID Health and
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