



# Dargaville High School

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Tēnā tātou katoa

As announced by the Prime Minister in her post cabinet press conference yesterday, schools will re-open for all students and staff under Alert Level 2. This will take place from the start of school on Thursday 9 September.

Please remember that our school is operating in Alert Level 3 at present, so the only students on site will be the students that have been registered with the school to attend. This will remain the case until we officially move into Alert Level 2 on Thursday.

The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second, to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected. We will be keeping a contact tracing register, and attendance for each class will be the first priority. Please assist us by ensuring students are at school by 8:50am in the morning. At Level 2, students who drive to school and other senior students will not be able to leave the school grounds during the school day.

Our Pandemic Planning Team are currently working on the Alert Level Two Safety Plan. However, there are some clear messages that have already been shared by the Prime Minister. These include:

- Mask wearing by all is strongly recommended.
- For staff and students showing any symptoms, do not attend school and contact Health Line on 0800 611 116 for advice on a test.
- Physical distancing and good ventilation.
- Vaccinations are now available for everyone over the age of 12 years old. There is more information at <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/how-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccination/book-your-covid-19-vaccination/> or also <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/>

While facemasks are strongly recommended and vaccinations are encouraged, they are not mandatory for students to attend school.

It's important, however, that not just at school but also at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19. For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the Covid19 website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>.

We will be in touch again soon to update you on our plans. If you have any questions about our health and safety plan or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me.

Ngā mihi

Mike Houghton  
Principal