

1st December 2021

As we get closer to the end of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, caregivers and whānau for their support of the college this year. It has most certainly been a busy year, and I have really enjoyed my first year as Principal of the college.

Staff Only Day - Friday 3rd December

Firstly, a reminder that this Friday 3rd December we have a staff only day. Our school library will be open for Years 7-10 students who need supervision, and NCEA examinations will go ahead as per the exam schedule. The focus for the staff on Friday is around New Pedagogy for Deep Learning (our school learning values) for our teachers in the junior school, and for teachers of NCEA we have an NCEA planning day with Cromwell and Dunstan teachers.

COVID Alert Level 2 Restrictions and Junior Awards Ceremony

For the remainder of this year the college will stay at COVID Alert Level 2 restrictions. Schools are able to continue to use the Alert Level system for the remainder of this school year rather than move to the Traffic Light Framework. This means that our Junior Awards Ceremonies will be live-streamed, as we won't be able to have parents, caregivers and whānau onsite. It is not ideal, but we are trying to do our best to make these types of events continue for our students. The awards ceremony will be held on the last day of school, Monday 13th December. Details for the live-stream will be confirmed soon.

Last Day for Junior Students

Monday 13th December is the last day for junior students. Students will be released from school at the usual time of 3:15pm.

Traffic Light Framework - 2022

In terms of the Traffic Light Framework, which for our community will start this Friday 3rd December, for the college it does not require any change to what we are currently doing for the remainder of 2021. The Traffic Light Framework may impact some of the offsite trips that we have planned this year. We are working closely with our community providers about this, and in some cases, we are adapting our plans. Year 10 camps and activity days are able to go ahead. Some of our Year 7 activities are going to be adapted - and there will be more information for parents of Year 7 students about this.

For 2022 we will be onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red/Orange/Green). This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022. Continuing to have good hygiene practices in place will be a priority for us, and we will continue to use the QR code for parents and visitors to scan in.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi nui,

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