

23 March 2020

Kia ora koutou Whanau, Parents and Caregivers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement today that New Zealand is now at Alert Level 3 effective immediately, I wanted to share with you what our next steps are.

As of tomorrow, Tuesday 24 March, our school will be closed for instruction. The exception to this is children whose parents are essential workers like doctors, nurses, paramedics, police etc. We will have a small group of teachers to work with these students on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March. Please reply to this email if your student will be in on these two days.

From Thursday 25 March the school will be shut for everyone. The remainder of the school term will be done through online learning. Our teachers have been setting up Google Classroom for all their subjects. Teachers will send their classes the codes to get into their Google Classrooms. Teachers will also be in contact with students via email. It's important that students and parents are checking their emails regularly.

Students who have not yet accessed their emails should follow the following guidelines:

1. Log into office365 on any device and open Outlook
2. If your name is Amelia Steer, your email will be steera@wgc.ac.nz
3. Your password is the same password you use to log on to computers at school.

If you get stuck, please email rconley@wgc.ac.nz .

As we go into physical distancing, I want to appeal to you to encourage social contact between your students, their peers and their teachers. Encourage them to stay in touch to avoid social distancing. This is important for the well-being of all our students.

Kia kaha. Take care.

Nga mihi nui
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