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Striving to ensure Rotorua Intermediate is as safe as possible at Level 2

School will recommence this Thursday, September 9.

Teachers will be ready to engage in face-to-face learning, rather than connecting through Zoom or Google Meets, which has been part of our recent online learning approach. I congratulate our staff and students for the way they adapted to online learning at such short notice. During this latest short lockdown, the emphasis was on connecting, fostering well being with our students and providing challenging activities to consolidate the learning that students had experienced at school. In no way did we want parents to be faced with the complexity of teaching, along with the multitude of other challenges being faced at home over lockdown.

Now it's time to allow teachers to prepare for a successful transition back into school. This transition is not only about learning, but ensuring everyone can transition back into school and home routines. This will support the wellbeing of our students and staff, and hopefully take some pressure off at home.

Firstly teachers will bring their remote learning to an end as soon as possible, allowing them space to plan and prepare resources for our restart. Most teachers haven't stopped connecting with their students since the nation's lockdown started so allowing them time to energise and prepare for classroom teaching is crucial. Students can continue with their work set for the week, however teachers will wind down contact today and Wednesday.

Here are the organisation and hygiene procedures for Level 2 from Thursday 9 based on current MOE recommendations

MASKS: Although it is not mandated for teachers and students to wear MASKS, it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED until we move to Level 1.

- School programmes start at 8.40am.
- Students will be required to wear their formal uniforms to and from school, and have their PE gear at school.
- Hand sanitiser will be available for all students to apply as they enter into our Rotorua Intermediate campus.
- Cellphones will be handed in, as per school policy.
- Students will be expected to apply school supplied hand sanitiser every time they enter or leave any classroom, gym, and our administration areas.
- We encourage you to also provide your child with their own personal hand sanitiser and drink bottle. (school drinking fountains will be covered and unavailable during Alert Level 2).
- Class teachers will ensure students understand the WHY for regularly washing their hands. (Your support would be appreciated with embedding this habit).
- Interval, our energy break before lunch, and our Healthy Lunch Program will be timetabled, but no Student Engagement will take place. (Note: Social distancing within schools only requires maintaining a physical distance so that students, or staff, are not breathing on, or touching each other).

*Our Mission Statement: Courage & Commitment
Kia Kaha, Kia Maia,*



- **ANY STUDENT, OR STAFF MEMBER, WHO IS SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO HOME IMMEDIATELY.** This is a Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education directive, so please do not send your child to school if they are at all unwell.

The above procedures have been designed by staff in order to best address the safe return of your child, and our teachers. **We acknowledge parents and caregivers may still have concerns. If you do, we support your right to keep your child at home, but please contact Julie in our school office to let us know, on 073489888.** We will provide work for your child, however not with the same level of online engagement that took place during lockdown.

We appreciate that this is a lot of information to process, however it is for the health and safety of your child and our staff.

Garry de Thierry & Staff