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Rangitoto College Week 4 Covid 19 Update and Community Newsletter

Covid 19 update

Following on from our communication over the weekend with the school's first confirmed Covid-19 case while at school, we wish to outline our processes for communication to our school community moving forward.

Since Saturday, we have been notified of further cases for which we will continue to contact trace students and staff while following the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education processes. Please be aware that from this point with growing numbers, we will only notify parents of identified Close Contact students to indicate this along with detail on self-isolating and testing.

We would encourage all parents and whānau to continue monitor their child's health and follow the below health measures:

- Watch for symptoms
- If any develop, get tested immediately
- Then, stay at home until a negative test result is received
- Follow all current Ministry of Health guidelines

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Students who are self-isolating at home due to being categorised as a close contact, or due to contracting Covid 19, should refer to their Google Classroom pages for work to continue with. All other students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell or are required to self-isolate. We have strong health and wellbeing processes in place, with strict protocols around mask use, seating plans and sanitiser use to help ensure our students are as safe as possible.

Rostering home of classes

You may have seen media coverage of some Auckland schools rostering year groups home. In the future, we anticipate this approach forming part of our Covid response continuity strategy as staffing issues rise. Students will be rostered home one day per week per year group and will be set home learning to complete on that day. If this happens, we will anticipate rostering home Year 9 on Monday, Year 10 on Tuesday, Year 11 on Wednesday, Year 12 on Thursday, and Year 13 on Friday. Work completed independently by students

rostered home will be revisited in classes the next day. Teachers will be used to supervise other classes across the school and as such there will be no formal online classes. Our final step will be to move the whole school into our successful online-lite learning programme, with supervision available on site for those students aged 13 who have parents in the critical workforce sector. Parents will be informed of any adjustments to our teaching programme via email.

Headphones

With a number of staff required to isolate at home, we are asking that all students bring device compatible headphones to class each day. This will allow classes to be taught online from home by the classroom teacher, whilst being supervised by a relieving teacher in the classroom. Each class/student will log into a scheduled online Google Meet with the teacher through their Google Calendar. There will be direct instruction for the first 20 minutes of the lesson, as per our successful online-lite model, and then additional work will be set for the remainder of the lesson.

Vista

Our first Vista digital magazine edition of 2022 will be coming to you next week, highlighting some of the achievements of our students and introducing you to the different parts of our school.

My School Office Max

A huge thank you to all parents who have paid Course related costs, Student ID cards and Donations for 2022 on the My School Office Max website.

Now that students are in school and timetables settled, charges have been made to student accounts and these payments offset against them. My School Office Max will be closed from 28 February and commence again on 1 December. Statements are being emailed out for any outstanding amounts or credit balances.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal may now be accessed via www.rangitoto.school.nz. Full Details on your account may be reviewed and payments made on Online Fee Payment, Pay Student Fee in the Parent Portal.

For forgotten passwords or usernames, please go to <https://recover.rangitoto.school.nz>. Provide your email address as registered with the school.

Donation Receipts

At the end of the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, parent donations will also be uploaded to the parent portal for your convenience in claiming Tax Donation credits from the Inland Revenue Department. These can be viewed on the Debtor Dashboard, Documents Tab in the Parent Portal.

For any queries please email: accounts@rangitoto.school.nz

Paid Union Meeting

Please be reminded that school will finish at 12:55pm for all Y10-13 students this Friday, 25th February, due to a paid union meeting. All Year 9 students will remain onsite for classes until 3:20pm. Buses will run at normal times.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update.

Best wishes



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