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Rangitoto College Phase 3 Covid 19 Update

Over recent weeks we have updated you on our Covid-19 processes which are in operation. I want to thank you for your support of our processes and the prompt communication we have received from parents about Covid-19 related matters.

As operational changes occur on a frequent basis and we are now moving into Phase 3 of the Public Health response settings based on the government's announcement today, please read the below processes which will now be in operation.

Isolation Requirements:

The government's current isolation requirement under Phase 3 are as follows:

Confirmed Positive Case = Isolate for 10 days (self-release after day 10)

Household Close Contact = Isolate from the day the household positive case receives a positive test result. Release on the same day as the case (after the case has completed 10 days isolation).

Close Contact = Not required to self-isolate and should be attending school unless they have Covid-19 symptoms.

We would encourage you to refer to the [Unite Against Covid-19](#) website for specific requirements for each of these scenarios as they currently stand. This website also gives details for testing requirements.

In line with the changes to Phase 3, if there is any student who has been self-isolating due to being identified as a Close Contact before 11:59pm Thursday 24th February, they can now return to school from tomorrow, Friday 25th February, if they are showing no Covid-19 symptoms.

If students are self-isolating due to being a household close contact, the self-isolation periods need to follow Ministry of Health Household Close Contact self-isolation periods outlined above.

Avoiding Exposure:

We would remind parents, caregivers, and students to monitor very closely for Covid-19 symptoms at all times and ask parents and caregivers to take a cautious approach with having students attend school who may be feeling unwell. In particular, if your child has any Covid-19 symptom they must stay at home and seek medical advice.

Covid-19 Absence Notification:

Please notify the school attendance office immediately through the PCSchool Parent Portal, PCSchool App or by phone/email should your child be absent from school due to either being a confirmed Covid-19 case or a Household Close Contact. We would ask you to be specific in identifying why your child is self-isolating to allow us to understand and monitor any year level trends in positive cases and to react accordingly.

Ngā mihi maioha,

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