



Kia ora e te whanau,

It is great news that we are going to be in COVID-19 Alert Level 2, and we can return to physical school from Thursday 9 September. We are excited to have our students return to physical school and we want to do this in a way that ALL our students have a seamless transition back. Our Year 9 and 10 students will be returning to physical school on Thursday with our seniors (Years 11-13) returning to physical school on Friday.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please do continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place, which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow.

We are going to take the opportunity on Thursday to reintroduce our junior students to the school routines and expectations. Our junior students have had their start to high school greatly affected by COVID-19 and we feel that we need to spend an increased amount of time guiding them through their transition back into physical learning. On Thursday our junior students will go over the COVID-19 Alert Level 2 guidelines, refresh their knowledge of our PB4L values and reintegrate into their subject classes.

Our senior students will continue with their Distance Learning programme until they return to physical classes on Friday. Once our students return to physical school on Thursday or Friday the focus for all our teachers will then turn to the students who are physically present at school. Unfortunately, our teachers will then not be able to fulfil Distance Learning commitments. If your child needs to stay home to work during Level 2 then please contact your child's deans as soon as possible so alternate arrangements can be made.

#### **Distance Learning this week**

Wednesday	All students will be Distance Learning
Thursday	Senior students remain on Distance Learning and Junior students will learn physically at school
Friday	All students learning physically at school

#### **Face coverings are not mandated for use when in schools**

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. However, the Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected. Where an individual chooses to use a face covering they should supply and wear their own, and do so safely. We will only have a limited number available for student use, these will be available from the dean's office.

#### **Devices**

At Alert Level 2 it is important that students do not share devices, students should bring their own device or their school allocated device to school each day for their learning. They should also make sure that it is charged at night as in some of our classes it is not easy to charge during the day. Students who were allocated devices during lockdown should continue to use these devices at school and at home during Alert Level 2. Our intention is to leave these devices allocated to students for the remainder of the year in case we need to go back to Alert Level 3 or 4 again.

## Lunches (Kai time)

The Healthy School Lunches program will begin again for students on Thursday. The lunches will be placed on the desks by the teacher, and everyone will need to sanitise their hands before they eat.

## School transport in Alert Level 2

School transport returns to normal operations under Alert Level 2. This includes SESTA.

### Face coverings

- Face coverings **are not** required on school transport – this includes charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff. Face coverings are recommended for children aged 12+, as they are for attending school.
- Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in any setting should be supported to do so. Face coverings are not required on school buses because schools know who is on school transport and have good systems in place to identify potential close contacts.
- Any student who is unwell should not travel on a school or public bus.

## Visitors to the school

At this time, it is important to limit the number of visitors to the school. If you are able, please email or phone the school for assistance. If it is necessary to come to the school in person please sign in at the office, all meetings will be held in the administration building until further notice.

## Endeavour and Alternative Education Centre's

These will be open from Thursday, if your child is in the Endeavour Centre then please read Appendix 6 in the COVID-19 Alert Level 2 procedure document. Any questions please get in contact with Dinesh on [d.dayal@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:d.dayal@hawerahs.school.nz).

## Subject Selection

Now that we are heading back to school this week, we will be able to go over the subject selection process with our students in classes. It is still important that they discuss their options at home and if you have any questions or need to contact a staff member about subject selection, please do so using the contacts below.

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## PSP interviews

At COVID-19 Alert Level 2, we need to minimise the number of visitors to our school. With this in mind, we have decided to cancel the Senior PSP interviews that were due to be held next week. Over the next week we will be having extended Kai time in form classes, this extended time will give senior form teachers an opportunity to reflect on the goals that students set at the start of the year, revise if necessary and amend plans for the remainder of the year. If you are concerned about your child's learning then please contact their subject teachers, form teacher or dean.

## Homework Club

We think that some of our students would benefit, after all the disruption this year, to be given the opportunity in the afternoon to have a quiet space to work at school. We will be opening classroom spaces as well as computer rooms for students who feel that they need this space. Spaces will be available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30 – 5pm.

The 'homework club' is available to all students from Year 9 -13 who want to have a quiet space to finish their classwork, assignments etc. Our school computers will also be available, this could be useful to students who do not have specialist software at home e.g. photoshop.

We already have some wonderful community members who have volunteered to help supervise these sessions, however, we would welcome anyone else who would love to come and support our young people as they work towards gaining their qualifications. The expectation for volunteers is to be there to support our students and encourage them to stay focused on their work, volunteers are not expected to have subject knowledge. We are

simply wanting people who are interested in helping our young people succeed in their studies. If you are keen to be a volunteer, then please message Rachel on [r.williams@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:r.williams@hawerahs.school.nz).

### Tracking of NCEA credits

Last year when learning was interrupted by COVID-19 we were able to employ Jenni Brewer to track students progress towards achieving their NCEA qualifications. We will be doing the same this year and Jenni will also be available during homework club time for any extra support the students may need. If you are concerned about your child's progress gaining their NCEA qualification, then please get in contact with their dean and they can refer to Jenni if necessary. Remember the best way to keep an eye on your child's credits is to access [parent portal](#). If you do not have access or have forgotten your password then please contact the school office or email [enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz), we will be happy to help you.

### CALENDAR | Upcoming Events

September	
Thu 9	Years 9 & 10 students attend school
Fri 10	All students attend
Fri 10	Senior Credit Accumulation report issued via email (please let the office know if your email address has changed or if you need to add one)
Mon 13	PTA Meeting – 6pm HHS Boardroom
Wed 15	VLN – Practice Exams
Wed 22	Board of Trustees Meeting – 6pm HHS Boardroom
Thu 23	Sports/Cultural Photographs .
Fri 24	Shave-a-thon (this will happen at home if we are still at Level 2)
Fri 24	Whole School Awards Ceremony/Assembly – 12:40pm in The HUB (Only if we are at Level 1)
Tue 28	Level 1 MCAT Exams
Thu 30 Sep – Fri 1 Oct	Senior Preliminary Examinations – Part 1 (digital online examinations and English exams)
October	
Fri 1	End of Term 3
Mon 18	Term 4 begins
Wed 20 – Fri 22	Senior Preliminary Examinations – Part 2
Sat 30	PTA Fundraiser – Comedy Quiz Night – Doors Open 6pm – Hawera Community Centre (R18 Event) – dependant of Level
November	
Tue 16	Year 13 Prizegiving – 7pm in the HUB
Wed 17	Year 11-12 Prizegiving – 11:30 in the HUB
Mon 22	NZQA Exams Begin – <a href="#">Timetable.pdf</a>

Haliwells & Welsh McCarthy Music Awards – unfortunately these have had to be cancelled for this year. Students will be completing their performances at school.

**Masks for Sale**

**\$12 per mask**

*Our very clever parent – Dee Cleaver is making these great HHS masks. If you would like to order one, please Contact Dee on:*

*text 027 747 1695 or email [deemarryme@xtra.co.nz](mailto:deemarryme@xtra.co.nz)*

