Ngā mihi ki a koutou

You will have seen that the Prime Minister has made an [announcement](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/new-zealand-restrict-travel-china-protect-against-coronavirus) yesterday afternoon.  To assist with the containment of the novel coronavirus, the government has placed temporary entry restrictions into New Zealand on all foreign nationals travelling from, or transiting through mainland China. This means that any foreign travellers who leave or transit through mainland China after 2 February 2020 (NZ time) will be refused entry to New Zealand. These restrictions take effect from today and will be in place for up to 14 days.

Any other foreign travelers from all destinations, other than China, will be subject to enhanced screening on arrival but, pending clearance, will be granted entry to New Zealand. New Zealand citizens and permanent residents returning to New Zealand will still be able to enter, as will their immediate family members, but will be required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival back in the country.

While there are no confirmed or suspected cases in New Zealand at the moment, the Ministry of Health continues to encourage a precautionary approach and a focus on good hygiene.  For health advice and the latest information see: [Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) guidance – Ministry of Health](https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-china-2019-ncov" \o "Open external link" \t "_BLANK)

As always we ask that if your child is unwell please do not send them to school.  If you have a particular concern about your child, please contact your GP for medical advice or phone Healthline (**0800 611 116**). Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages.

Everyone’s health and wellbeing, including our international students’, is important to us.  Our international students are far from home, family and friends. It is important that we all support them at this time and I would like to acknowledge their friends and host parents for the support that they are providing.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Karen Stewart

Principal / Tumuaki