



## Rangiora High School

23 March 2020

Kia ora koutou,

With today's announcement by the Government, we are implementing with urgency our plan to support your child's learning from home. We appreciate this is a sudden and significant change, and will be heavily disruptive to many people in our community.

For children of essential workers, we look forward to seeing your child here at school tomorrow morning at 8.45am in A Quad. Buses will run as normal. Please ask your child to bring their device and PE gear. You may wish to check if you are considered an essential worker: <https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/covid-19-alert-system/> Note, these roles include doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers and police. We continue to ask that children who are not well, do not attend school.

For all other children, we will be supporting their learning from your home through online learning. Please [click here to read our Remote Learning Plan](#). As we move to this new learning environment, we would ask that you work through this plan with your child tomorrow to help them prepare for this new way of learning. [Learning at Home - A Handy Guide for Students](#) - this guide will help students set up their workspace and plan their day in order to maintain a helpful routine and healthy balance. Teachers will be in touch with all their classes over the next two days. Please follow normal school processes if you have concerns for your child in this new learning environment - please contact your child's subject teacher / form teacher / Dean.

We would ask that you monitor your email. We will continue to provide further updates as we receive more information from the Ministry of Education.

If you need to have your child cared for by someone else you will need to identify that person or people as part of your self-isolated group. This will need to be done by midnight this Wednesday and the group must remain the same for the whole four week period. The caregiver's own group (e.g. their partner and children), your child and your own group (e.g. your parents and other children) become one group. This group needs to be limited to minimise any risk of spread and should be no more than 20 people.

Your child will be looking to you for guidance about this decision. Parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers will have a particularly important part to play in reassuring young people at this time. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to read the information put together by the Ministry of Education to support your conversations with your children - [Talking to children about COVID-19](#). As noted by the Prime Minister, these restrictions are our best chance to slow the virus in New Zealand and to save lives. We all have a clear role here to slow the spread of COVID-19.

We will continue to communicate with you over the coming days. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school staff and school community.

Ngā mihi,

Karen Stewart

**Principal / Tumuaki**