



Rotorua Boys' High School

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To All Parents/Caregivers

Re : Covid-19 – Alert Level 2

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou me te tangi hoki ki a rātou kua riro atu

It is pleasing to see how many within our school and the Rotorua wider community have been tested in recent days. This is particularly important for those that might be feeling unwell. Thankfully everyone to date has had a Covid free test result.

In terms of the call on Friday for Pasifika students and their families to be tested, I need to emphasise that as a school we totally believe Covid does not discriminate but this call went out at the request of the Ministry of Education because of concerns that the family members from the Auckland cluster are largely Pasifika and may have had direct contact within the Pasifika community of Rotorua. Thank you to all who responded and I can confirm that all our Pasifika boys in the hostel were tested and their tests also came back negative.

In terms of continuing at Alert Level 2 you will notice for our school the following:

- We have a clear, well publicised Alert Level 2 Health and Safety Plan.
- We are keeping gates to the school closed to reduce the number of visitors to keep our school bubble safe.
- We continue to emphasise the need for good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette.
- We continue to encourage students and staff who feel unwell or are sick to stay home.
- We are mindful of the need to physically distance as far as it is practicable and reasonable but especially in terms of contact with visitors.
- We have our QR code clearly displayed at reception.
- We continue to record all visitor arrivals even for those that register through our QR code.
- We continue to encourage all our students to download the Covid Tracer App.
- Advice to date from the Ministry is that your child does not need to wear a face covering whilst at school.
- Other schools can come on site for school run programmes e.g Saturday Night Fever.
- Practices/rehearsals and performances e.g Saturday Night Fever can go ahead.
- PPE is not required within our school environment at this Alert Level.
- Our staff will continue to check our students each morning at House Group.

All these things help to keep our school and our community safe.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Mauri ora,

A.C. Grinter
Principal