

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Teena koutou e te whaanau,

I am sorry to interrupt your weekend, but I have some good news to share for our attendance on Tuesday.

**Travel permitted across Level boundaries.** Previously no staff or students were permitted to cross the alert level boundary from Level 2 to Level 3. I am pleased to say that we have just received notification that this has changed. Staff and students who are permitted to attend CHS to learn under Level 3 conditions will now be able to cross from Level 2 to Level 3 only for the purposes of learning. The following are the key points:

- If you are permitted to attend, or work at, school, you will also be permitted to cross an Alert Level 3 boundary to do so (whether travelling to an Alert Level 3 area, or travelling to an Alert Level 2 area, to get to school)
- Evidence will need to be provided when travelling to school between alert level areas (for example proof of enrolment, proof of residential address, proof of ID where reasonably practicable).
- You should not stop on your journey. You can stop in an emergency, to use a toilet or get petrol, but you must follow Alert Level 3 guidance.

**NCEA and the Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs).** The Minister of Education [has announced](#) that students in Auckland, Waikato and Northland will be able to receive an 'Unexpected Event Grade' for end of year NCEA exams. This is a great measure to support our students sitting their final examinations, and full details are available on the [NZQA website](#). Essentially this means that because of the disruptions to learning and preparation this term, we will be able to provide a grade based on alternative evidence, such as our upcoming assessments and other evidence collected through the year.

Where possible, students will be expected to attend exams. However, for students in Auckland, Waikato or Northland, NZQA will calculate a student's final grade based on whichever is higher – the grade supplied by the school, or the grade earned in the exam. If the student did not sit the exam, they receive the grade supplied by the school. Please note this does not apply to NZ Scholarship examinations. The UEG application process is something that we will manage on your behalf and will be applied across all students at CHS.

If you are unable to attend assessments over the coming weeks, for whatever reason, please contact your teacher. We will discuss alternative arrangements for gathering this evidence with you. The assessment timetable is on the [school website](#). We may be forced to update this across the week if we need to adjust our protocol onsite. We will share any updates with you and store the latest version of the assessment timetable on the school website.

Please note this UEG consideration also applies to Year 10 students sitting examinations. During Level 3, they are allowed onsite to take part in NCEA level assessments.

**Student health and testing requirements.** Students are not required to return a negative test prior to coming onsite. Please remember basic COVID protocol, including staying at home if unwell and getting tested if you develop symptoms or have attended a place of interest.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday morning. Just a reminder that all staff onsite on Tuesday will have produced a negative COVID test result. We also have a great vaccination rate with 94% of our staff having received either 1 or 2 vaccinations. CHS is safe site and everyone following the protocol will keep it safe, while we help our senior students with their much needed work towards final assessments.

Ngaa mihi

Kind regards

Greg Thornton