

Good afternoon everyone,
Teena koutou,

Just a few final details before we start school again on Thursday 9th September.

- **Start of day.** School starts at 8:50am and it is timetable day 9. The timetable for the day is as follows:
8:50 – 9 am Form class
9 – 9:55 am Period 1
9:55 – 10 am Movement time
10 – 11 am Period 2
11 – 11:30 am Interval
after interval, the timing of the day is as normal.
- **Face mask wearing.** I have had a few queries about this. It is recommended that children 12 years and older wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in other places, such as retail outlets. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whaanau, whatever your decision it will be respected at CHS.
- **Apparent safety contradiction.** I want to address this query directly. We are safe to return to school, there are no confirmed cases in the Waikato and new cases are only emerging in Auckland where Level 4 remains in place. Even though it is safe to return to school there is a nationwide recommendation and expectation to wear face coverings to help keep us safe. This is in a range of settings and I recommend you look at the [COVID website](#) for further details.
Personally, I will choose to wear a face mask, particularly when in larger groups or areas where I will be working closely with others. This is not because I have concerns about the safety of CHS, but because I want to be visibly in support of those that do want to wear face masks. Wearing masks in NZ is somewhat counter-cultural and, although normalised around the globe, is something that will take some adjusting to here. I want to support the recommendation and help create a comfortable environment for others that also choose to wear a face mask.
- **Vaccinations.** We recognise that you may choose to get the COVID vaccine as it is now open to all people aged 12 and over. If your appointment is within school time, then you just need to sign out at the student office as you ordinarily would for a medical appointment.
- **Signing in an out and visitors.** All students must sign out if they need to leave campus for legitimate absences during the school day and they need to scan the QR code at places they visit while offsite. All visitors to CHS must scan our QR codes and we ask that you all wear face masks in accordance with expectations around retail and other public places.
- **Catching up on work.** We have maintained a very strong online learning programme and students should be confident of returning, having continued to make progress over the past few weeks. There will be gaps and questions, however, and we will continue to assist students to address these. If you have significant concerns please contact the teacher directly (if it is isolated to one subject), or the House Dean or Form Teacher (if it is across multiple subjects).
- **Devices and online work.** All students need to bring in their devices. This is to support the online learning plan this in place as well as to gain access to work and resources that have been used over the lockdown period. This will also enable students to continue on with their work while we target smaller groups for more support or extension work.
- **No sport this weekend.** We have been informed by Sport Waikato that all sport has been cancelled until 11:59pm on Sunday 12th September.
- **Further details about exams etc.** We will share full details in a targeted manner shortly for those that are sitting exams, have internal assessments due and other impacted school events such as trips.
- **Canteen open from Monday.**

Thank you all once again for your feedback and support over the past few weeks. If you are particularly happy with the support you have received from a staff member, please remember to send an email to kapai@camhigh.school.nz. They will receive a certificate and be included in our recognition system at CHS.

Kind regards
Ngaa mihi
Greg Thornton