

Morena e te whaanau,
Good morning Parents / Caregivers,

I hope that the first few days of term are going well for you and your family. Things certainly can change at a quick pace currently, and this is quite a different letter to the one I had drafted before lunch yesterday. Today, I want to communicate specifics around assessment, the cancellation of our school exams and return to school for our senior students.

Background as to why we cancelled our exam window. In re-shaping our school calendar for the remainder of the year, we knew that this was the only space on the calendar where we could run a school exam window and provide students with feedback before the NCEA exams. Unfortunately, under Level 3 conditions, we were not allowed to run school examinations. We were not alone in facing this challenge as NZQA also had these restrictions for NCEA exams. This is now being re-designed in accordance with the new expectations, so that NCEA can continue. We will communicate with you the details as they are published.

Assessments run in class. What this means for us now is a move to 'in class' assessments under as close to exam conditions as possible. The details of this assessment vary for each faculty and the needs of each topic of work, and we are working on those specific details now. We will provide an assessment timetable so that we do not overload students and staff with assessment. For those students in Year 10 sitting Level 1 NCEA exams, you will be invited onsite to sit school exams in line with this timetable. We will share full details of this timetable and in class assessment with home shortly.

Related to this, and to assist us during this COVID disrupted time, we deliberately reserved a week with no classes before NCEA exams start. This will enable us to target students and particular areas that need extra assistance to prepare or complete work.

NCEA support. I attach two resources from NZQA with regards to support they are providing students. They will not be able to move the exams any further back but can offer students Learning Recognition Credits (LRC). We have now had more than 20 days of disruption and so qualify for that tier of support. The details are in the two attachments.

Return to school for Year 11-13. As you will be aware the government has approved the return to school for students in Years 11, 12 and 13. We have extra precautions in place to ensure that it is safe for our students to return. CHS is a safe site and by following these expectations it will remain safe for our community. The expectations are as follows:

- It is compulsory for all students and staff to wear a face mask onsite at CHS. We have some masks as a backup but do not have sufficient to provide these to everyone. Please arrange your own face masks. It is a condition of entry to the school site and will be enforced.
- All staff onsite who will be in contact with students, will have received a negative result from a recent COVID test.
- Attendance is expected from all students in Years 11 – 13. If you need support or additional measures in place to help with this, please contact your House Dean and we can help with the transition into school.
- It is a normal timetable and will be Day 2 on the timetable. We will make some amendments to support getting back on site and the in class assessment and will share these details with you tomorrow.
- As a heads-up, we will be required to gather the vaccination status of our students and will be in touch next week with further details. Please note, no vaccination or testing is required from students before attending CHS next week.

If you have further questions, please contact us. General NCEA queries should be addressed to Sarah Douglas (ds@camhigh.school.nz) for queries specifically related to a subject please contact the subject teacher directly. We look forward to seeing you all back onsite on Tuesday.

Kind regards

Ngaa mihi
Greg Thornton