



Lockdown 26th August 2021 Update

Kia ora, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Bula vinaka, Kumusta, Talofa lava, Warmest Greetings to you all,

Today we aim to answer some questions both students and parents have been asking over the last few days. As you have further questions please feel free to share these with teachers or our Senior Leadership Team. Our senior team are meeting regularly to discuss issues/questions as they arise.

School Practice Exams:

We have heard that some of you are concerned about the date of practice exams as these are approaching with us not at school currently. Please know we are listening to your concerns and these have now been moved to Week 2 of Term 4

Practice exams are important incase students need a derived grade if the final exam is unable to be sat. Students need time to prepare and study for these so they have the best results possible - the current situation is not suitable for this.

Change of Official NCEA Exams dates:

NZQA have already announced that external exams have been moved backwards to now occur from the 22nd of November to the 14th of December. The new exam timetable can be found here:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/>

Last day of School for Seniors and Senior Prizegiving:

Due to the movement of practice exams and NCEA we have had to move the last day for Senior Students and Senior Prizegiving - these will now both happen on the 16th of November.

Cook Island Performing Arts Trip:

We know there will be concern from families and students who have nearly or who have paid fully for this trip. It was scheduled to leave after the previous NCEA exam dates and now for some of our Senior Students there will be a clash. We are also at the moment unsure what the border situation will be like between the Cook Islands

and New Zealand. We have also not received guidance regarding the need for vaccinations if flying between the two countries.

We are currently following up with NZQA and our travel provider and will keep the group of travellers as up to date as possible with the latest information we have.

If you have any further questions you are welcome to contact Aaron Mutua - the trip leader. amutua@fvhs.school.nz

Students we have not heard from:

As a staff we are actively working to make sure we have heard from all of our students. If no one has heard from you or your children we will make contact with you initially and then we will ask the Truancy service to check on those students we have still not had any contact with. Please get in touch with us at admin@fvhs.school.nz if you have concerns about this.

Additional courses we have booked e.g. Barista, First Aid, Forklift etc:

We want to signal to students early that it is unlikely we will be able to rebook the courses we have currently booked for the remainder of this term and next term if they need to be cancelled because of varying Alert levels. This means these need to be treated as an extra on top of your NCEA qualification not as a basis for you gaining your qualification. Mrs McGovern has more information about this - please make contact with her if you need more information

Student behaviour during zoom/online sessions:

While we understand that students are at home during these sessions we need to reiterate they are working with teachers and other students. We are not insisting students have their cameras on during the sessions so if they are we would like to insist there is no vaping or other inappropriate behaviour. Not following these rules may mean students are removed from the sessions

Alert Level changes and what these may mean for schools:

We have not had official advice about what Level 3 and Level 2 will look like for schools in the Delta strain. Once we have this we will share it with you and our plan for moving forward with reuniting our school.

Arataki teachers:

We encourage students and parents to get in touch with Arataki teachers with any questions or concerns you may have

Take care and we will provide a further update shortly

Joss Hale, Kathy McGovern, Aaron Mutua and Jason Jowett
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