



FVHS Information to Families - 4th February 2022

COVID Protection Framework - RED

Information regarding upcoming events and changes we have had to make:

- The Powhiri has been changed to a Mihi Whakatau and will be held outside in fine weather. If the weather is not fine it will be held in the Auditorium. Only Year 9 and 13 students are present with all staff. NO PARENTS OR WHANAU are able to join us - our apologies for this. Students will be here at 9:45 and will be ushered to their seats.
- No Whole School Assemblies to be held
- The Achievement dinner on the 14th of February will now be held on the 14th as a sit down lunch with only the prize winners and the staff present. We will live stream this event for you.
- Student leaders training on the 17th and 18th will continue to run at SWPICS as we are the only users of this venue
- NCEA Whanau information Evening - 17th Feb will now be run online - a code to join will be sent out closer to the event.
- The meet the new staff BBQ on the 22nd will now be run online - a code to join will be sent out closer to the event.
- The Social scheduled for the 23rd of Feb is cancelled
- The Maori Whanau Hui on the 24th of Feb and 1st of March will be run online - a code to join will be sent out closer to the event.
- Athletics day on the 25th of February will continue as it is held outside. No outside spectators are allowed - our apologies.
- The Pasifika Talanoa on the 8th of March will be run online - a code to join will be sent out closer to the event.
- Waiata and Haka wars on the 9th will continue and be run outside - sorry no spectators. We will live stream this event for you.
- Our Gala on the 18th is cancelled.
- Outdoor Education trips and the Auckland Year 12 Experience should be able to continue - these will be confirmed. All students who wish to take Outdoor Education need to be vaccinated as the DOC huts will not permit entry otherwise.
- We have already made the decision to run our school ball for only our students - there will be no outside partners allowed so both vaccinated and unvaccinated students are able to attend. Our staff will also run all aspects of the ball. The ball is scheduled for Saturday the 9th of April. All going well our intention is to hold this

event at our school - we may need to limit numbers of attendees. More information will be provided in the next few weeks.

Day to Day functioning of our school:

- Our usual timetable will be in operation, teachers will be asked to mark the roll accurately and at the start of the lesson and to remain in their timetabled classes for each lesson. PE will be taught outside - students need to bring appropriate gear for this.
- Students and all staff will need to wear masks when inside
- Hygiene reminders will be frequent throughout the day from all to all members of our school community
- No Parents, Caregivers or non-essential visitors to the school.
- Parents. Caregivers are welcome to complete uniform purchases, enrolments and other administration tasks in our main office block.
- Students will be reminded to attend their usual classes on time and remain in classes as these will form the foundation of contact tracing.
- Staff will meet in their usual meeting rooms wearing masks and being aware of social distancing requirements
- Students will still be able to meet in Lake and Year Level groups in ventilated spaces or outside

- **MASKS** - must be worn by students and teachers when inside all buildings, on school transport and buses. These must have ear loops and be three layers or the surgical type masks. Students are to supply their own masks. Should they forget they will be able to come to our main reception.

- **VACCINATIONS** - all school employed staff are mandated to be fully vaccinated and to have a booster shot when they are eligible. All contractors and visitors to the school must be vaccinated.

- **HYGIENE** - all classrooms have sanitiser and students and staff are asked to sanitise when entering new spaces. There are posters around the school explaining how to correctly wear a mask and wash hands. Scanning codes are located around the school at entrances and on notice boards. Teachers have desk cleaner and cleaning clothes to keep surfaces clean during and between classes.

- **SICKNESS** - ANYONE WHO HAS COVID SYMPTOMS MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Contact healthline or your doctor and seek a COVID test or follow their advice. This will usually include isolating. Any student who presents to school with COVID like symptoms will be asked to isolate until they are collected from school.

- **VENTILATION** - windows and doors will be regularly opened to allow natural ventilation into rooms where the weather allows. We will use the CO2 monitor supplied by the MOE to check all rooms. Students will be encouraged to eat their meals outside during break times.

- **COVID CASE MANAGEMENT** - should there be a case linked to a student, staff member or FVHS we will follow all public health and MOE advice to manage this appropriately. The advice is likely to be for us to locate the close contacts of a positive case and they will all isolate at home and be tested for COVID.

- **SCHOOL CLOSURE** - our intention is to remain open using our physical school site. The advice from the MOE is to remain open for students unless it is a safety issue to do so. This could be from a number of cases and a lack of staff being able

to be onsite. This will be managed carefully and we will communicate with families directly. If we have to move to teaching and learning from home we will let you know and ensure we manage this as successfully as we have over the last two years.

- **WELLBEING** - we understand that managing COVID, the lockdowns and potential illness can all be very stressful for students, families and our staff. We are committed to ensuring we monitor the wellbeing of all groups of people supported by FVHS during the CPF levels. This could mean dropping off food parcels, online sessions to check in, offering of counselling or referrals to external agencies. Please always reach out to us for support.

- **THANK YOU** - Being a teacher, school leader and parent during these times can be difficult for us. We thank you for your continued support of us as we put in place the best plans we can to help everyone manage this situation to the best of our ability.