

20 April 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

I trust that the last few weeks have been peaceful and healthy ones for you. I know that this is a difficult time for many of us, and for our children, and I would like to express my gratitude to you all for your support of the school at this time. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, who have worked exceptionally hard to maintain a high level of support for our students.

I wrote to you last week about the move to Alert Level 3. As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that we will move to Level 3 on Tuesday 28th April. This changes our schedule slightly, and so I have detailed below the process we will be following. Please note that these are now confirmed dates.

Today, **Monday 20th April**, Term 2 started for Pinehurst students. This is our full online experience, and is running in a very similar way to the way it ran before the holidays. **We will be running our online programme for all students in its current form all of this week, until Friday 24th April. Please note that this Friday is now a teaching day.**

Our schedule will look like this:

1. Over the rest of this week, the school will be open to support staff and cleaners only. This is so we can make the arrangements we need to make to have the School ready to welcome students next week.
2. **Monday 27th April** is ANZAC Day. All schools are closed, and there will be no teaching.
3. On **Tuesday 28th April**, the school will be open to all staff. There will **be no online programme on Tuesday** because teachers will be in school preparing for Level 3 at school.
4. From **Wednesday 29th April**, the school will be open to students in Years 1-10 whose parents who are unable to provide supervision for them at home. They will be taught a full programme in school. If students in Years 1 -10 remain at home, they will continue to be taught an online programme. Students in Years 11-13 will stay at home, where they will continue to be taught our online programme.

This means that Pinehurst School will continue to offer online learning to all students when we move to Level 3, but that students from Years 1 to 10 will be able to learn at school. The Government is encouraging all students to stay at home if they can be supervised, but we will be offering a full programme at school for these students. We will be offering only an online learning programme to students in Years 11 to 13 because the Government is not permitting us to teach these students on the school grounds.

We will, as you would expect, be running our school a little differently if we move to Level 3, and will have a number of measures in place to ensure that students are in small groups, and are kept healthy and safe. Please read carefully the attached document that explains everything about “Level 3” at Pinehurst. Please note that the details of our Level 3 arrangements may still change slightly as more guidance from the Ministry of Education is sent to us. These changes will, though, be small ones.

Thank you again for your continued support for and commitment to our school. Please direct any questions or comments to Alex Reed at alex.reed@pinehurst.school.nz. He will be very happy to respond.

My very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter".

Peter Davies
Chairman of the Board of Governors