



TUAKAU COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

With the continuing rise of Covid community cases, we have today been informed that one of our Year 8 Students has tested 'positive.' We appreciate the family informing us as soon as possible and our thoughts are with them as they work through these difficult times.

At 'Red Phase 2' we are required by the Ministry of Health (MoH) to carry out our own contact tracing for any potential contacts that the Year 8 student has had while attending the College.

The classmates, teacher and friends of the positive case have been notified as "Close Contacts" and are getting tested and isolating at home. We will continue to:

- Work to identify any **Close Contacts** of the confirmed Case
- Work to identify any **Casual Contacts** of the confirmed case. All Casual Contacts must continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms of COVID-19
- Give you an update on what you need to do through our communication avenues of Facebook, Instagram, School app and the website.
- School will remain open for ALL other students, and they should continue to attend. Work is being provided for all the students isolating via online distance learning.

We have taken all the measures to ensure the safety of all the students as per the Ministry of Education and Health guidelines.

Please continue to monitor the health of your child(ren). If they are unwell do not send them to school. Should you be informed of either a positive test result or classification of 'Close Contact' as a result of events outside the College, please do let the College know by emailing Mr Jacobs on a.jacobs@tuakaucollege.com

Thank you for your understanding and support. In these challenging times it can be too easy to lose track of what is important. The wellbeing of our College community continues to be in the forefront of our thinking, and that you are able to manage the impact of this stressful time with your family. Should you wish for additional support, please feel free to contact our College Guidance Counsellor p.heta@tuakaucollege.com

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www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-self-isolation-managed-isolation-quarantine#whattodo

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to

www.covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/

This is the first case of COVID-19 at Tuakau College this year and it will not be the last. It is imperative that we work together and deal with the COVID-19 response processes efficiently and effectively. We thank you for your cooperation as we crisis manage this response. Please do not panic, keep calm and be kind. Along with many other schools, we will get through this outbreak.

Ngā mihi



Chris Betty
Principal