

# Hikuai School

*Striving towards my pinnacle*



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Kia Ora Hikuai School whanau and friends.

Thank you for your patience as we unpack the public health advice for schools around the Red Traffic Light setting under which we will commence the new school year. Whilst this is not the start to the year any of us were hoping for, we are endeavouring to keep the school experience as fulfilling, and learning focussed as possible within the parameters of the Covid Protection Framework. In order to achieve this balance, we are implementing the following protocols for the start of the school year.

1. You may bring your child to their classroom in the morning and our teachers will be present to greet students outside the classroom each morning during the first week of school. We ask that drop off be carried out efficiently and parents coming onto site, wear a mask as required by the Protection Framework unless they have a formal exemption from doing so.
2. Unless you are settling a new entrant child, we ask that parents remain outside whilst executing drop off and pick up.
3. We ask that parents who come onto campus to collect their children arrive no earlier than 2:50, remain outside as students are released, and clear the campus efficiently once students are collected. All other students will be released for the bus and van at 3pm.
4. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher about any matter, please email ahead to arrange a time.

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5. Under the Covid Protection Framework, it is a requirement that all students in year 4 and up wear a mask indoors at school unless they have a formal exemption from doing so.

Rooms 4 and 5 will all wear masks and this will include the Year 3 pupils in Room 4 to avoid confusion.

We will ensure that students have frequent outdoor breaks so that they are not wearing masks for long periods of time during the school day. Please note that masking for students in year 4 and up is now also a requirement on school transport.

Staff will also be wearing masks if they are teaching students in Room 4 and 5. Like a number of students, however, there will be staff who are exempted from mask wearing for a variety of reasons. Across the school community, it is important that we ensure that we are acting in line with the framework at all times but that we are also respectful of the fact that there are a variety of reasons why individuals will not be able to mask. Please be kind and respectful, and avoid assumptions.

We are excited about the start of the school year and we know that in spite of the challenges we face, on campus schooling remains the most effective way for us to deliver quality learning experiences to our students.

Nga Mihi

Rachell Leitch

Principal