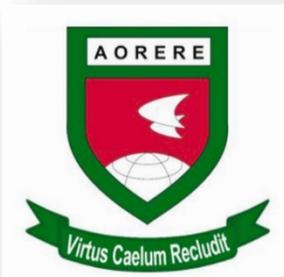


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Important Dates

17 June 2020

- Whole School Photos
- Finance Meeting at 4pm

19 June 2020

- Whole School Lockdown drill

24 June 2020

- BOT Meeting at 4:30pm

29 June 2020

- Aorere Blood Drive

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MALO E LELEI, FAKALOFA LAHI ATU, KIA ORANA, ASSALAMU ALAIKUM, NAMASTE, NI HAU & GEETINGS

It is fantastic to be getting back to a real sense of normality, after a significant period of uncertainty. New Zealanders have together unified to defeat, for the moment, the global Covid-19 threat. We cannot get complacent and our students need to continue their current improved hygienic practices and focus.

Attendance rates have improved from 70% post Alert Level 3 to the mid-'80s, as at the end of last week. It is my hope that attendance rates will continue to reach the whole school target of 90%. The Academic Conferences went very well, considering our recent unprecedented circumstances and I hope that you appreciated the focus on the students, via their academic self-assessments leading this process. From my perspective, this student owned and lead approach, together with the 'Academic Mentors' referring to the latest academic data, is the way forward in the future.

Over the last week, it has been very re-affirming to witness first hand the following examples of student engagement in the everyday life of Aorere College:

- Constructive, positive classroom environments
- Normal assemblies for students in both the Junior and Seniors schools
- A range of winter sports codes starting with training practices and pre-season games in Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Football and Hockey
- Students involved in after school academic initiatives, include the new 'Virtus Mentoring' programmes

NZQA has made significant and fair changes regarding reducing the assessment required at all 3 NCEA levels and delaying by a full school week, the start of the NCEA examinations in early November.

Please note that every day after school apart from Fridays in B Block open area, students can go and use our computer facilities to complete work, under the supervision of our teachers. Your support and encouragement here would be much appreciated. On Friday, 19th of June, we will be having our annual school lock-down practice, at 12pm.

I have been awarded a Principals' professional sabbatical, which will start on Monday, 22nd of June until Friday, 11th of September. Aorere College will be led by Associate Principal Mrs Leanne Webb, whom I know will continue to focus on our strategic goals for 2020 and ensure that our present momentum continues.

Nga Mihi
Greg Pierce
Principal

