

Afternoon Parents and Students

The purpose of this email is to give an update after today's government announcement. The government announced that areas outside of Auckland will continue to be in Alert Level 4 at least until Friday 11.59pm 27th August. There will be an additional government announcement later this week. When that happens we will communicate with parents, caregivers and students, and update the next steps forward.

What this means for our LAC community for now, is that we shall be continuing with online learning till at least the end of this week.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank parents, caregivers and students for the majority of students getting to online classes as expected. It is important that we all appreciate that it is quite plausible that we could well be in online learning for a number of weeks. Our children can simply not afford to be away from learning for large chunks of time. So thank you again for getting your children in a routine around online learning. I have repeated the relevant information for online learning for your convenience.

Information for Online Learning

1. Online-distance learning occurs from home.
2. Attendance:
 - a. Attendance will be marked for each class, so it is important that students connect with their class through Google Classroom or another platform that the teacher has communicated to the students.
 - b. It would be appreciated that you inform year level deans of any extended absence:
 - i. Year 7-9: Miss Davidson - brooked@lac.school.nz
 - ii. Year 10: Matua Dee - deen@lac.school.nz
 - iii. Year 11, 12: Mrs Paul - julianap@lac.school.nz
 - iv. Year 13: Mr Wright - nigelw@lac.school.nz
 - c. Teachers have been asked to contact home where absence becomes an issue.
 - d. Where there are concerns about your child(s) wellbeing, please contact our counsellor Francis Aiono Francisa@lac.school.nz.
3. Daily timetable:
 - a. Period 1 - 4 (period 5 will be taken off the timetable) each day:
 - i. 9.00am: Period 1
 - ii. 10.00am: Period 2
 - iii. 11.00am: Break
 - iv. 11.30am: Period 3
 - v. 12.30pm: Period 4
 - vi. 1.30pm: End of school day
 - b. **Note all days will end at 1.30pm.** Where possible, we encourage students to use the afternoon to get some physical activity and avoid a screen(s).
4. Expectations for online learning:
 - a. Students need to be informed by teachers about the platform that is being used to engage in their learning (eg, Google Classroom, Zoom etc).

- b. Teachers have been asked to have clear learning outcomes for each scheduled class. These will be communicated to students prior to the class and therefore be available to parents.
 - c. The student needs to be available to their teachers in their scheduled class at the scheduled class period time.
 - d. Students should attempt to limit contact with teachers to their assigned class time only.
5. Teacher absences:
- a. If for any reason, a teacher can't get online (they are unavailable) the teacher will advise students through Google Classroom or email.
6. Please observe guidelines from the government that have been given for COVID-19 Level 4.

Once again, let's look after each other and be kind to one another. A big thank you to teachers who I am really proud of, for providing students and parents with a quality online learning experience.

If there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact the relevant person. If you are not sure who that is feel free to contact me Principal@lac.school.nz or 021 8446069.

Blessings to you and your family

Brendan van Oostveen

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.