

Friday 27 August 2021

Afternoon Parents and Students

The purpose of this email has three parts;

1. to give an update after today's government COVID announcement;
2. to communicate that the NZQA Examinations will be starting two weeks later;
3. to clarify the impact of the change to NZQA external examinations on the school calendar for the remainder of 2021.

**Today's Government COVID Announcement - Friday 27 August 2021**

The government announced today that areas south of Auckland will move to Alert Level 3 on Tuesday, 31st August at 11.59pm. Up until this time we will remain in Alert Level 4.

What does **Alert Level 3**, from Wednesday 1st September, mean for LAC?

- Online learning for all students will continue and teachers will remain at home.
- The current timetable will remain the same (periods 1- 4).
- Essential workers may send their children (Year 7-10 only) to LAC. Students will complete online learning under the care of the Senior Leadership team.
- Buses will not be operating and the dropping off and picking up of students is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver.
- If you wish your child to attend school in Alert Level 3, please email Rosalind Burnett ([dp@lac.school.nz](mailto:dp@lac.school.nz)) by Monday, 30th August.

In short the only significant change will be for children of essential workers who wish to bring their children to school. It is when we move to Alert Level 2 when the majority of students will return to LAC.

There will be an additional government announcement on Monday 6th September. When that happens, we will communicate with parents, caregivers and students, and update the next steps forward.

**NZQA external examinations starting two weeks later**

Yesterday the government announced that the NZQA External examinations will be delayed and start two weeks later on Monday 22 November. Originally it was Monday 8 November. To check the dates and times of individual subjects, use the link below.

[Download the 2021 examination timetable as a PDF](#)

- Senior Art students will be informed by Mrs Bain of the new due dates for boards to be handed in. Mrs Bain is awaiting the Manawatu Art Teachers Association decision on when to complete internal moderation. So please remain patient for now.

## **LAC School Calendar for the remainder of 2021.**

The purpose of the delay to NZQA External Examinations is to give our senior students the best possible opportunity to prepare for NZQA External Examinations. This has meant that the LAC Calendar for the remainder of 2021 has had to be reconsidered and this will affect the majority of our students both Junior and Senior, along with parents and teachers. I want to apologise in advance as I know some of the changes will impact on your plans, particularly Graduation weekend. Please appreciate we have not made these changes lightly but at the same time our community needs certainty. Some dates, such as the Maori/Pasifika Hui have yet to be confirmed.

*Below are the new dates:*

27 September - 1 October (Mon-Fri) **EDG exams (School exams)**

3rd November (Wed) **Year 13 Farewell Chapel**

4th November (Thu) **Aureum Sports Night**

5th & 6th November (Fri/Sat) **Y13 Graduation programme**

8th - 12th November (Mon-Fri) **Year 13 classes run in week 4, and are optional for students.**

12th November (Fri) **Last day Year 13**

15th November (Mon) **Y11/12 Prizegiving and Final day for Year 11/12**

22nd November (Mon) **NZQA exams start** (refer to NZQA website for specific subject dates and times)

14th December (Tue) **last day NZQA exams**

14th December (Tue) **Y7-10 Prizegiving and last day of school for Year 7-10**

If you have any questions around the new calendar feel free to contact Rosalind Burnett [dp@lac.school.nz](mailto:dp@lac.school.nz)

Once again, let's look after each other and be kind to one another. A big thank you to our teachers who I am really proud of, for continuing to provide 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](mailto:Principal@lac.school.nz) or 021 8446069.

Blessings to you and your family

Brendan van Oostveen  
Principal LAC

Joshua 1:9 I have commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."