



**MELVILLE**  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

6 September 2021

Kia ora koutou,

I hope this finds you and your whaanau well. We have had a small group of students and teachers at school throughout Alert Level 3. They have all managed very well, sticking to our safety procedures and having some fun learning. I would like to thank the staff that have come in to make an uncertain time positive and practical for our students and our families who have supported us with this.

This afternoon, the Government announced that we will be moving from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2 on Wednesday night at 11.59pm. Melville Intermediate will be open from 8.30am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September to welcome our students back. At Alert Level 2, it is safe for children and staff to attend school, as there will be appropriate measures in place, including for children and staff vulnerable to severe illness. Whilst masks are not mandatory, this afternoon Dr Bloomfield strongly recommended the use of these in schools. I will be asking my staff to wear these and requesting that students bring their own mask to school. If you have any questions and would like to discuss this further please contact your child's teacher.

Fundamental public health measures continue to apply and we will be doing our best to ensure a safe, organised and relaxed return. I am meeting with our staff tomorrow morning to plan for this. I know they will be excited about seeing their students back on Thursday. An update will be sent out again on Wednesday afternoon, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 027 335 1296.

Kind regards,

Louise Handley  
Acting Principal

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