



22 October 2021, update

Kia ora Koutou

I trust that the Government's Covid-related announcements this week are giving us a little more certainty about how we can move forward.

With respect to education and schooling we do have some recent decisions by Government that will guide our planning for next week.

- We do know that within most of the Waikato we continue at Alert Level 3 at least until 12.59 pm next Wednesday.
- We do know that the Secretary for Education has advised that whenever it is that we move to Level 2, schools would have a further 48 hours to prepare for the return of students.
- We know that the Minister of Education has made provision for senior students to be dealt with differently to students in Years 1 to 10.

Because we are in Level 3 it is clear that students in years 1 to 10 will not be returning to normal school next week.

The majority of students will continue with distance learning from home for all of next week (remembering that Monday is a holiday!)

Students who are already working in our first learning bubble at school are welcome to continue next week. You don't need to re-register, we will expect to see you again next Tuesday morning.

We are able to offer the opportunity for additional Melville Intermediate School students to join a second learners bubble at school next Tuesday. These bubbles are catering for children of parents who are not in a position to provide childcare during the school day. If you want to use this service you **must** advise us with at least 24 hours notice so we can reorganise our staffing to cater. If you want your child to be included in our second learners bubble beginning next Tuesday please let me know either by email or text or call on 021 777947 or dcooke@melvilleintermediate.school.nz It will be a case of "first in first served". We do not have unlimited capacity to set up new bubbles.

The majority of our students will be continuing with distance learning next week. As you are already aware the first point of contact and communication is your child's tutor teacher.

If communication between your child's tutor teacher and yourself has been difficult or has not been happening please contact me so we can work out how to connect or to improve communication.

Email addresses of our teachers can be found on SchoolApps (SchoolAppsNZ) available from Playstore or Apple.

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