



# Kerikeri High School

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Dear Families and Whānau, Staff and Students,

Keep Ourselves Safe is one of our four WAKA values and it is uppermost in our minds at the moment.

As the Covid pandemic requires increasing numbers of us to isolate we have been contingency planning for how we can keep our School going. We would all much rather be here teaching and learning than to be isolated again, teaching and learning online, at home.

Our staff have been amazing, planning and teaching their own classes, staying in email contact with the students home isolating and covering classes for their colleagues. Our Relief Teachers have also been amazing, working many more days than they had expected. And all of this in masks.

Now as the gaps in our staff grow due to greater Omicron transmission, we have taken the decision to roster three year levels home, each for one day, over the next two weeks. This rostering home will be for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. These year levels have the skills and maturity to organise themselves to work one day a week at home. We will not at this stage, roster Year 13 home a day week, as this is a high stakes year for them and our Year 13 students have coped with the Covid disruptions for all of their senior years, since Year 11.

## Roster Home 15 – 24 March

Tuesday 15 March      Year 12  
Wednesday 16 March    Year 11  
Thursday 17 March     Year 10

Tuesday 22 March     Year 11  
Wednesday 23 March   Year 10  
Thursday 24 March     Year 12

Our thinking is that we can set up the week for the students on Monday and gather up the learning on Friday. Each year group will only miss one day a week.

We will make a decision about whether any more rostering home days are required after 24 March once we see how the Omicron wave peaks for us.

Thank you for your understanding. We are trying to do the best we can for the most of us under these very challenging circumstances – to keep our School as positive, stable and normal as we can for as many students as we can.

Thank you again everyone for your ongoing efforts and commitment. Ngā mihi nui

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