



15 October 2021

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou

I hope you have had a refreshing break away from google school and are looking forward to a successful term 4. We are ready to support each student's striving for success whether from home or at school.

To students: it's been hard to stay focused and we will be teaching with that in mind. Wherever you are up to is where we will start from. This term online learning will have more regular scheduled face to face learning time available for students. When we get back to school we will be able to provide the best mix of learning and practice assessments to give everyone the best possible preparation.

We all need to help build the great vaccine wall to keep everyone safe. We are working in partnership with the WDHb to run a pop up vaccination site in the front carpark next week. We would love as many students and family to come along and get their vaccinations.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā
Have a great weekend!

Greg Watson
Tumuaki | Principal



**MRGS VACCINATION
DRIVE THROUGH**

**Friday 22 October & Saturday
23 October 10am - 5pm**

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Teaching and Learning in Term 4

We are all in a period of uncertainty about when we are returning back to school. It is possible that lockdowns will interrupt NCEA exams and in that case Auckland schools will be asked to estimate grades on the basis of completed student tasks they can use as evidence of students' understanding. The very best thing your student can do is have a go at revision tasks, quizzes, practice answers and assignments on google classroom. The evidence collected by teachers will all count as evidence towards the externally assessed Achievement Standards. Schools cannot estimate grades when they have no evidence or there is no record of students participating with the online learning programme. Please encourage your students to connect with their teachers no matter where they are with their learning and what they managed to complete during the Term 3 during lockdown. We will be delighted to see them online and making progress no matter what the starting point.

Term 4 Senior Practice Exams

These are postponed until we have further information about returning to school. We will inform students and families as soon as we have more information.

Our approach to online learning

Online learning reconvenes on Monday October 18. Over the holidays we have reviewed our online teaching and learning strategies and we have decided to make some changes to increase the frequency of connection between teachers and their students. There are many challenges we all face whether working or learning from home but we can use the power of face to face connection to motivate our learners to stay focussed on their learning.

In practice that means:

- All students will receive blended learning framework plans each week posted on google classroom on Monday morning for each of their courses.
- All links and instructions are contained in that blended learning framework. For those students who need to know more about how to use the blended learning framework please see these videos for assistance: [Junior Students](#) | [Senior Students](#).
- Each week teachers will also be running 2 x 20 minute face to face google meets to explain the learning for the week.
- These sessions will be recorded and posted on google classroom. We expect students to attend these sessions and connect with their teachers.
- The sessions will occur in line with their school timetable so that sessions do not clash.
- We will be running an "on the hour" timetable but the session will not fill the whole hour.
Period 1: 9am, Period 2: 10am, Period 3: 11am, Period 4: 1pm, Period 5: 2pm.
- Please help your students to write out a weekly timetable of sessions to assist them with maximising their learning time.
- Year 9 students will be changing rotation options and one of their subjects will change at the start of term 4. New timetables will be available on the KAMAR portal and teachers will invite their new classes into google classroom.
- All families will receive an email from the school reminding them of their KAMAR portal access details should any families need assistance accessing student timetable details.

Alert Level 3 students on site

With the announcement that we are remaining in Alert Level 3, schools are open from Monday 18 October to a limited number of students, with the following guidelines:

- The overriding principle for Alert Level 3 is stay at home wherever possible.
- Where possible, students should remain at home connected to distance learning.
- Where parents or caregivers need to, they can send Year 9 and 10 students to school.
- All students in Years 11 – 13 continue learning from home.
- If you need to send your student to school because you are an essential worker, your student must 'enrol' and be committed to learning on site for the duration of Level 3.
- Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces.
- People must work from home unless that is not possible.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and learning of our students. In order to support us with our organisation and preparation for our Level 3 School opening, can you please complete the google form by going to [Alert Level 3 MRGS Student Enrolment Google Form](#). This needs to be completed by **8.30am on Monday 18 October**. Only students who have completed this enrolment form will be provided with entry at 9am on Monday 18 October.

If you have any questions, please contact Meagan Gaitau, Associate Principal, meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz or 021 0247 4996.

2022 Enrolments



In zone applications now welcome. We ask that families complete these online or deliver to Jules in the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange testing and class placements. Applications received before 1st November go in the draw for one of two \$300 uniform vouchers! We look forward to welcoming you to our MRGS family.

For further questions please contact the Enrolment Officer by email at enrolment@mrgs.school.nz



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