



# ROSEHILL SCHOOL

*Creating Inspiring Pathways for Real Life Success*

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We hope you are all doing well. It is so nice to have some sunny days and the opportunity to get outside. If the school can help you in any way, please ask, we are here to help.

Government has kept with their cautious approach when responding to COVID-19, and as a result, we will stay at Alert Level 3 for a bit longer.

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available.

Due to being at Level 3, school is closed for the first week of Term 4, we will let you know as soon as we hear what is happening in the following weeks of this term.

Your child's teacher will be contacting you with home learning support and ideas. Please talk to them about what works for you and your child.

If you are an essential worker and have no one to care for your child when you go to work or if you are facing significant challenges please talk to your child's teacher, syndicate leader, or leave a message on the school phone. We will be able to help and offer support.

## **COVID vaccinations and tests**

It is now legally required that we hold a COVID-19 vaccine register for all eligible students and staff. This is all students aged 12 and older.

If we were to have a case of COVID-19 in our school, public health authorities will want to know if we are a school with a high vaccination rate. This information will then be used as part of the local health authority's risk assessment. The more highly vaccinated we are (staff and eligible students), the less likely it will be that we will have to close down for a long period of time, or we might not need to close at all. We encourage everyone in our community to help make Rosehill School to be a safe place for everyone by getting vaccinated,

## **For staff**

All our staff are now required to be having COVID vaccinations and to be fully vaccinated by the start of 2022. Those who are not fully vaccinated yet need to have weekly negative COVID tests. All staff will have to have a negative COVID test before they return to work. Our staff work very closely with your children and vaccinations help us keep staff and student safe.

## **For students**

All schools must record (confidentially) information on the vaccination status of all students aged 12 and above. We will be asking you for this information over the coming week.

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We will therefore need to know if your child has had their first or second vaccine dose or is exempted from being vaccinated. This information will be held by the school in accordance with the Privacy Act and will only be shared with public health authorities.

We are therefore getting our data collection system in place and will get in touch with you again very soon to ask about your child's vaccination status.

We have a vaccination day at base School on the 22nd of October. We can provide individualised support to every student so this can be stress free for them. Please ring the office to book a time or email [office@rosehill.school.nz](mailto:office@rosehill.school.nz).

We are proud of how our community has responded to this outbreak, but the mahi isn't yet done. Please continue to follow all the alert level requirements including staying at home and getting tested for COVID-19 if you are feeling unwell, and for your own sake and for the health of your whānau, please get vaccinated. I have included some [information about vaccinations](#) to support decision making.

You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

Take care and ask for help if you need it.

*Nga mihi nui*

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