

Important Update - Monday 30 August

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora whanau

I hope this email finds you in good heart and coping well with the challenges of this latest lockdown. There is no doubt we are living in extraordinary times and 1pm daily/3pm twice weekly bulletins/updates have taken on a whole new meaning.

With everything going on around us I would encourage you all to take five minutes to watch [this video](#) that I know can only help provide tools for all of us at this time.

With the announcement this afternoon by the Prime Minister, Jacinda Arden, it appears that we will all be at Level 4 for the next two weeks.

The good news is that, although this lockdown was sudden, our staff and student body swung back into the mode of remote learning seamlessly. The engagement has been strong to date and the biggest challenge we all face (and I don't just mean Glenfield College) is the importance of 'Resilience' and continually trying to the best of our abilities.

One of the most important things our students can do is have a sense of structure to their day. Routines are vital as they create a feeling of purpose and achievement and in doing so, avoids apathy occurring. On this note, there are some excellent challenges being provided for you all through Reading Plus, the House competitions and the Glenfield College Sports Instagram. As Principal, it is so heartwarming seeing many of our community engaging and showing the pride of belonging to Glenfield College.

We are receiving daily updates from the Ministry of Education and are pleased to see the end-of-year NCEA examination dates have been moved. You will find the link below to the updated document. There has also been a clear indication that they are reviewing the Learning Recognition Credits (LRC's) that were allocated last year.

As we found with our first lockdown back in March 2020, 'in times of a crisis, comes opportunity'. We need to all look at how we can live the Glenfield Way and how these eight values can help us become the very best versions of ourselves.

I can't emphasise enough how hard our staff are working to help you all. Please continue reading the information below as there are many important and helpful updates and resources included.

For students who have limited/no access to devices, [this link](#) takes you to a list of activities that students can be working on this week.

Lastly, we thank you as parents for your ongoing support in our current environment. We acknowledge the difficulty that it does place on students and families. Keep in mind that we're all part of a team. Don't hesitate to ask for help from College staff, family members, or other parents when you need support.

Stay safe within your bubbles.

with Pride & Respect

MA MARUWEHI, KA RAHIRI
PAUL MCKINLEY, PRINCIPAL



Academic

NCEA Exams Update

Due to disruption to education throughout the country, NZQA and the MOE have made the decision to delay the Level 1 Algebra MCAT exam, the end-of-year exams and the submission of portfolios by two weeks.

- Level 1 Algebra MCAT will be delayed from 16 September to the 28 or 30 September
- NCEA exams will now run from 22 November to 14 December
- [NCEA exam timetable](#) has recently been revised
- Due date for portfolio submissions will be pushed back by two weeks

Our leadership team are currently considering the impacts of these changes and when best to do our school NCEA derived grade exams to allow our students to perform to the best of their ability. Revised calendars will be published accordingly.

Reminder of Online Learning Expectations



For on-line lessons the school ICT agreement applies to all we do as does the Glenfield Way - PRIDE and RESPECT.



There should be **no student recording of the lesson** - this is a breach of privacy of all involved and goes against the ICT agreement.



Make sure that your microphone is on mute unless you have been asked to speak.



As this is school, wear non-sleepwear clothes and be sitting up ready to learn and engage (rather than lying down).



If you face your screen to a wall or shut a curtain (not a window) and have the lights on it should help maintain privacy in your home but still enable us to see your face.



Use earbuds or headphones so your bubble won't have to listen to your lesson or form class.



If using your phone, hold it landscape rather than portrait.



Our usual high expectations for behaviour apply. Make sure that all your communication is appropriate to school whether electronically, speaking or by action.



Avoid eating during the video conference - it's not a good look!

Online Safety

We would ask that parents continue to monitor and provide guidance to their children regarding online safety.

- Communicate with your children about their use of technology
- Remind your children of online protocol
- Monitor their online behaviour - know who they are talking to and what apps they are using
- Maintain an acceptable level of screen time
- Keep family and friends safe in the digital world.

Key points:

- Activate settings on social media sites
- Only give personal information to people they know and trust
- Use available online safety options (website blockers and email/spam filters)
- Avoid sharing images of themselves

Further useful information can be found at:

- [Netsafe](#)
- [Nathan Wallis](#)
- [The Parenting Place](#)

Work for students with limited/no access to devices

[This link](#) takes you to a list of activities that students with limited or no access to devices can be working on this week.



Online Assemblies - 2.15pm

Google links are sent to students via their Dean

Monday: Year 9
Tuesday: Year 10
Wednesday: Year 11
Thursday: Year 12
Friday: Year 13



Pastoral Care

Agencies you can contact for assistance

Many families may find it tough going back into Alert Level 4. It can be challenging having children at home, being cut off from family and friends, trying to making ends meet and having high stress levels.

If you or anyone you know wants some advice or support, here are some further options that might be useful.

Support services that remain open:

- Counselling Free Call or Text 1737
- Healthline for COVID-19 health advice: 0800 358 5453
- Youthline 0800 376 633 or free text 234
- Samaritans 0800 726 666
- Depression Helpline 0800 111 757
- Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865
- The Fono West (Social Services) 09 837 1780

Work and Income services centres are closed. However, you can apply for assistance via [MyMSD](#) or phone the contact centre on 0800 559 009.

If you need some assistance with food these food banks may be able to help. Call first for instructions of how they are operating to ensure physical distancing:

- Auckland City Mission (City) 09 303 9200
- Salvation Army (Henderson) 09 837 4471
- Vinnies Auckland (Newton) 09 815 6122 or 0800 6800
- Hope Centre (New Lynn) 02108048436
- Vision West (Glen Eden) 09 818 0716 – Mon, Wed, Fri only

If you're in Auckland, [the Auckland Emergency Management website](#) may be useful.

If you know someone who needs financial assistance, tell them to call the free government helpline 0800 779 997 (8am–1am, seven days a week).

Ministry for Pacific Peoples

Translated COVID-19 information can be found [here](#).

Looking after your Haurora/Wellbeing

There are numerous websites and apps designed to help support your wellbeing. This [Ministry of Health website page](#) has some great links to health advice, and mental health and wellbeing resources.

Our Guidance Counsellor

Vivian Fan is operating remotely during Level 4 lockdown. We encourage our students to contact her (v.fan@gc.ac.nz) if they need help. We know lockdown can be a really challenging time and we want students and whanau to know they are not alone. We encourage you to reach out.

If you need to speak to someone outside of school hours, please call 1737 or Youthline 0800 376633 / txt 234 which is a 24 hour service.

School Communications

Contact details

Please ensure we have up-to-date contact details. You can do this by updating them on the [Parent Portal](#), or by sending us an email admin@gc.ac.nz.

Please keep up to date with College events via our online calendar below. This will be updated as information comes to hand.

If you have any questions about our College communication, please feel free to contact me at admin@gc.ac.nz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view
the school calendar



YEAR 9 2022 ENROLMENT

ONLINE ANYTIME - WWW.GC.AC.NZ

IN PERSON - CONTACT ELLIE NEWTON TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
E.NEWTON@GC.AC.NZ OR 444 9066

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