
Welcome to Term 4

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Good evening all

As outlined in Monday's communication, the decision to remain in Alert Level 3 means that school will remain closed and remote learning will continue for the foreseeable future.

It is so vital that students re-engage with school and their learning from Monday.

| Times | Lesson/Activity |
|---------------|------------------------|
| 9.00 – 9.40 | Period 1 |
| 10.00 – 10.40 | Period 2 – Google Meet |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Morning Break |
| 11.30 – 12.10 | Period 3 |
| 12.30 – 1.10 | Period 4 – Google Meet |
| 1.30 – 2.10 | Period 5 |

about the daily lesson times during the remote learning period:

Here is a reminder

Monday, 18 October is **Day 6**.

As per last term, assemblies will be held online at 2.15pm on the following days:

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

Year 9 Option Change

Monday, 18 October is option change-over for Year 9 students. Students, please check your timetable on Kamar and contact your Dean, Ms O'Hara (s.ohara@gc.ac.nz) if you have any questions.

Important information for NCEA students

We do not need to tell you that there is a great deal of uncertainty in New Zealand at the moment. There are, as of now, no clear guidelines for when Auckland school students might return to school next term and what this return might look like.

A decision has been made to cancel the school end-of-year exams. There are a number of reasons for this, but most importantly, we have the best interests of our students at the forefront of our thinking.

As of today, there is no certainty that NZQA end of year examinations will occur as usual. We will keep you updated of any details regarding this as soon as we receive it.

Teaching staff at Auckland schools are therefore required to use a process of gathering evidence of a student's understanding of a topic and these pieces of evidence could well be the student's derived grade for that standard for the year.

(This evidence would previously have been obtained from our internal school examinations we usually hold in September, but which we and many other Auckland schools have had to cancel for logistical reasons.)

So it is clear that these processes are **very important for our Level 1, 2 and 3 students.**

Parents, please encourage your sons/daughters to commit to these last few weeks of school and to engage with the above tasks set by teachers online. Tasks will be reduced to be manageable for students to complete. As usual our teachers will be available to assist students via email or on Google classroom meetings.

Super Saturday Vaccination

I can't emphasize enough, and I encourage you all to go and get your vaccinations tomorrow if you have not done so already. As has been stated daily, the best way of helping keep the country safe is by getting vaccinated. Congratulations to Zane Paki for leading from the front with this.



I appreciate this is a challenging time for us all, but can assure you we are well-supported in our decision-making and will continue to provide updates as soon as we receive further information.

Kind regards

Paul McKinley
Principal

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