



# TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

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Dear PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS and STUDENTS of TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

Just as Term 1 ended differently to how we expected due to COVID-19, a “different look” TERM 2 will commence on Wednesday 15 April.

Teachers, support staff and students will be WORKING FROM HOME due to New Zealand’s current Alert Level 4 “lockdown”.

As previously advised through an emailed newsletter (and also on our website), teachers have already sent out packages of hard copy materials to Year 9 and 10 students without devices AND to students whose courses best suited hard copy materials (workbooks, worksheets, resources ).

Teachers have also set up systems for the delivery of online distance learning and communication to students, where possible and appropriate. Attempting to deliver the curriculum this way is a “learning curve” for us all. We are not expecting you to be a “teacher” but to support and encourage your child/ children in maintaining continuation of their learning.

STUDENTS should be:

- attempting work set
- doing extra reading
- checking their school email accounts for communication from teachers

Te Awamutu College has communicated to the Ministry of Education the names of Year 11-13 students who we know are without a device or internet access (based on a survey conducted in Form Classes). This is so 25 of our senior students will hopefully be couriered a device and 19 students will receive a package of subject-specific NCEA resources to use. (Thanks to Rebecca Legg for overseeing this.)

You will probably be aware of another MOE initiative- a DEDICATED HOME LEARNING TV CHANNEL for Early Learning to Year 10, commencing 15 April; 9am – 3pm on school days; TV2 + 1/ TVNZ On Demand/ Sky Channel 502. Maori Television will launch a series of te reo educational programmes on the same day. Please check out the schedules and see what is of interest and use.

Have you looked at the MOE WEBSITE [www.learningfromhome.govt.nz](http://www.learningfromhome.govt.nz) yet? Teachers have also been asked to check out this site and, as appropriate, direct students to worthwhile learning resources for their level/ subject.

The Minister of Education, Chris Hipkins, has been communicating in recent days about the various possibilities for schools reopening. As we know, much will depend on the Government’s announcement on 20 April about any possible change to alert level and subsequent conditions.

Some POSSIBLE SCENARIOS being discussed include:

- schools reopen initially only for staff so that they can prepare more resources for dispatch; continue online learning; plan and prepare for the return of some students etc
- the return to school of the children of essential workers only
- not opening for a number of weeks
- opening just for senior students
- opening in shifts to support social distancing
- opening schools in certain regions ahead of others

There will be NOTICE BEFORE SCHOOL REOPENS for anyone. Schools will be given time to inspect property and undertake necessary cleaning and maintenance.

So, it is a “waiting game” for US ALL.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy- both physically and mentally.

KIA KAHA

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