

TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

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Tony Membery Principal

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students of Te Awamutu College

Te Awamutu College staff look forward to school reopening on Monday 18 May and welcoming back all students.

It has been deemed by the Government and Ministry of Education that "it is safe for all students and staff to return to school in Alert Level 2. Schools are safe because hygiene habits will be strong and schools will put into place safe and sensible practices."

- Students must stay home:
- if they are sick with COVID-19
- or have been directed to self-isolate
- or are unwell generally

Otherwise ALL students are able to return to school.

- Distance learning will only be provided in the case of directed self-isolation (which we would need to be advised of).
- Please read the attached Student Instructions carefully.
- School buses will resume on 18 May.
- Our COVID-19 Level 2 Health and Safety Plan has been developed using information and guidelines from Ministry of Education (MOE)/ Ministry of Health (MOH) / Worksafe. Instructions for staff, students and cleaners have come from this plan.
- The wellbeing (physically and emotionally) of staff and students is paramount. It will be important that staff and students spend time reconnecting as they return to class before teaching and learning resumes.
- Further information will become available around resumption of our sports teams and the conducting of field trips/camps etc.

If you have any queries, please direct them to Deputy Principal, Wayne Carter wcarter@tac.school.nz 07 871 4199 ext. 225.

The return to school is a vital step in our gradual managed return to normality. This needs to be done in a sensitive and safe manner.

Once again we look forward to seeing our students back on MONDAY 18 MAY.

Kia kaha

Tony Membery (Principal)