

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 31 August 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

I hope that you are safe and sound in your bubble from the wild weather of last night - if you are in Auckland. Please reach out if you are needing support, especially if you are flooded in, around or over access ways to necessities. Your hauora and the hauora of your bubble is your priority.

The Strategic Leadership Team met earlier this morning to discuss the continued COVID-19 Alert Level 4 Lockdown in the Auckland region and how this would impact BMIS and our school community over the upcoming weeks.

Auckland is in COVID-19, Alert Level 4 Lockdown for at least two more weeks, with a pending decision about Alert Level changes on Monday, 13 September (the week of Camp & OE).

As there is uncertainty about what the Alert Level will be, **the decision has been made to:**

Cancel Year 7 Camp for 2021 set for Week 8, Term 3 (Tuesday, 14 - Friday 17 September)

Cancel Year 8 OE for 2021 set for Week 8, Term 3 (Tuesday, 14 - Friday 17 September)

This decision was not made lightly as these events are highly valued by our BMIS staff as they enhance the holistic learning of our emerging adolescents.

REFUNDS FOR THE ABOVE EVENTS WILL BE PROCESSED WHEN ALL STAFF ARE ALLOWED BACK ON BMIS SITE.

Thank you to the many parents/family members who had made themselves available for these events. THANK YOU. We are very aware of the sacrifices many made to support our events for our ākongā.

The Malaga will be reviewed before a decision is made whether to proceed or not in Term 4.

Any WZ sport programmed for the rest of Term 3 has been cancelled and we look ahead to the WZ sporting fixtures available to BMIS in Term 4.

On a positive note: our BMIS processes with online learning are continually evolving and becoming streamlined. It is fabulous to hear that our students, on the whole, are engaging and embracing their learning. This is 'student agency'.

Thank you for your support when I ask my staff to sign off after 1pm each school day and for the weekends while in Alert Level 4. Please don't be offended if you send them a message after 1pm or on a day starting with "S" and they do not respond until 8:30am the next school day. Ensuring our team is able to adapt and support your child/ren to thrive in this unusual time means they too, need to switch off and unplug and attend to their bubble. Hauora MUST be a priority for all of us.

May you Tuesday be a positive day with some fun in the mix.

Kia haumarū te noho. E noho i tō mirumirū.

Stay safe and stay in your bubble.

Parents of Year 8 students: a message from Mrs Robertson from Henderson High School:

For students who are wanting to attend Henderson High School in 2022, the out of zone application deadline is 11:59pm tomorrow (Wednesday 1 September). Click [HHS enrolment](#) to complete an online application. Out of zone places are limited, so we encourage siblings of current Henderson High School students to enrol online by the deadline.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal