

# Special SCHOOL LEADER'S REPORT: COVID-19 Alert Level 3, 27 April- 15 May 2020; Alert Level 2, 18 May – 22 May

After the PM's 20 April announcement, the school opened for on-site learning but under AL3 protocols on Wednesday 29 April. Tuesday 28 April was designated a TOD to allow for preparations. Only learners who had to come to school (unsupervised children u14 years at home whose parents had to work during AL3) were invited

On Monday 11 May the Prime Minister announced that "New Zealand will move into Alert Level 2 from 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 May. That means from Thursday Alert Level 2 criteria apply." Learning at AC under AL3 ended on Friday 15 May. All staff were back on site that day to prepare for Monday 18 May when all learners were invited back to learn at school.

On Monday 25 May, the government will make another announcement regarding next steps after the current AL2 situation.

## Alert Level 3 Learning @ AC

- Five teams of staff were mobilised to provide on-site learning during Alert Level 3, from 29 April to 15 May:
  - **Admin 'bubble'**: Se and JUR based in the Admin Block
  - **KTR 'bubble'**: We and Wr based in Kr04 and Kr05
  - **TRH 'bubble'**: Bu and Md based in T04 and T05
  - **Relief**: Tp and Ta on standby off-site in case relievers were needed
  - **Reserves**: De and Ms on standby off-site in case additional staff were needed
- In addition, **Property** (MAR and BEE) and our external contractors (**New Era IT, Turf Tech, BB Cleaning** and **Fuji Xerox**) were requested to begin providing services again; each created their respective on-site bubbles
- Six eligible learners registered to return to school during AL3; three turned up on Day 1, Wednesday 29 April, then only one learner returned the next day; this learner came to school every day until the last day of AL3 learning, Friday 15 May
- After 30 April, only one learning bubble needed to operate during Alert Level 3 and **We** and **Wr** in Kr04 and Kr05 staffed this bubble the entire time.
- Whanau were sent weekly updates during AL3; MOE were updated daily; on 7 May we reported to MOE 1 learner, 2 LLs and 6 support staff on site and 1099 learners, 74 LLs including Learning Assistants and 26 support staff working off site

## Devices

- All 372 Ministry-purchased devices requested were granted and by 22 May, 350 devices have been delivered
- 150 of our school-owned devices have been loaned out
- The requested internet connectivity to 89 of our whanau have been enabled
- Online learning will continue to be provided to supplement the delivery of our curriculum; we estimate over 80% of the school now have personal access to a suitable learning device

## ERO Survey

- At the request of ERO, we took part in their learning at home national snapshot survey; LLs and Ls were surveyed

- For our LLs, the survey asked about their level of satisfaction towards their wellbeing, staff collaboration, professional needs, teaching remotely, student progress and student engagement; here are the summary results: wellbeing – 86%, staff collaboration – 84%, professional needs – 77%, teaching remotely – 77%, student progress – 66% and student engagement – 66%.
- For Ls, the survey asked about their level of satisfaction towards their wellbeing and learning during this period; here are the summary results: wellbeing – 78%, learning – 72%,

### **Alert Level 2 Learning @ AC**

- On Friday 15 May, all staff were invited back on site to prepare for all learners returning to school on Monday 18 May; it was decided that the first day back be a connection learning day
- As a ‘thank you’, all staff were also provided with a return to school wellbeing survival kit
- The connection programme of learning centred on “Our Main Thing”
- The programme also included a session of sharing popcorn, sausage sizzle, candy floss and shaved ice together in respective vertical whanau groups
- 780 learners, 70 learning leaders and assistants and 32 support staff were present at school on Monday 18 May; of the of the five LLs absent, three were away sick, one was travelling and one applied for medical release because of Covid-19; all of the support staff absent were away sick and none applied for medical release because of Covid-19
- On 22 May we reported to MOE 700 learners, 69 LLs including learning assistants and 31 support staff were on site and 400 learners, 7 LLs and 4 support staff not on site; of the 400 learner off site, 15 registered to continue learning from home during AL2, 300 were tracked as learning from home while 85 are still being accounted for; of the seven LLs not on site, one was working from home, five were away sick and one was absent for personal reasons; of the 4 support staff off site two were sick while two were away for other reasons
- Additional measures and controls as outlined in MOE guidelines have been implemented; our basic AL2 health and safety theme is “Take Action, Reduce the Risk”; visitors continue to be minimal and come on site by appointment only and follow public physical distancing and hygiene protocols; new enrolments have been suspended until after the government’s next Covid19 announcement
- The Library, Health Centre, Pathways Centre, International Students, Guidance and Sports remain closed; services have been provided by invitation and prior appointment only
- EOTC has been suspended until after the government’s next Covid19 announcement
- HPE and recreational activities are closely monitored and contact activities reduced to the bare minimal
- The Cafeteria is operating under MOH and Worksafe AL2 protocols; a reduced menu, limited cash handling facilities and restricted access are in place until further notice
- Our Pataka, Breakfast Club and Wednesday Hot Meal has been suspended until it is more appropriate
- We have tried to run the school as usual but have ensured we have a safe environment for all and that the recommended additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing

### **Buchanan Trust (see BOT May Report)**

*Yr 12/13*

- target group of 40 Yr 13, and 53 Yr 12 identified and invited to participate; each have been allocated an initial staff mentor: Loomb/Nemme/McCafferty.
- All Whanau have been informed and invited to be a part of the project.
- Feedback to date is positive
- Given the Covid19 Lockdown and Alert Level protocols, the first face to face meetings begin with staff and learners this week.

### *Yr 11*

- Decision has been made to put this group on hold until Term 3 when Semester 1 results can inform decision making

### *Yr 10*

- group will be identified during Term 3 and work will take place with this group over the course of Term 4 in preparation for starting Level 1 in 2021.

### *Mentors*

- University of Auckland will be making the initial appointment of seven former learners as Tutors over the next week
- These former learners will be undertaking study at either UoA or AUT and will should already have strong relationships and mana with current learners
- Strong coverage across Maths, Sciences, Eng, Arts, Te Reo and Maori Arts

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