



Kia ora e te whanau Rodney College

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whānau.

Staff at Rodney College are feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2022 year and can't wait to welcome everyone back on site.

Rodney College in the RED setting

As you will be aware, all of NZ is now in the RED traffic light setting due to the spread of Omicron in the community. Rodney College is ready to focus on teaching and learning on site and the normal timetable will run. We are committed to working as safely as possible in the RED setting and are taking every opportunity to mitigate against the spread of Covid 19. For this reason, the following are in place:

- All students and staff are required to wear masks while inside on site. Students are also required to wear masks on the bus to and from school
- All teaching and learning spaces will be well ventilated
- All staff are fully vaccinated
- Physical distancing while outside
- Hand washing and sanitizing reminders
- Contact tracing systems
- Stay at home if you are unwell
- No large gatherings

Large hui and gatherings especially when indoors continue to be one of the riskier activities we can undertake. We have therefore reviewed all our events and activities for the upcoming term to ensure we meet the health guidance for Red. As a result, some activities will not happen at all and others will be modified. There will be disruptions as we go, and we all need to be flexible and adaptable.

2022 Starting Dates:

THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY- ORIENTATION DAY FOR ALL Year 9 students, Year 13 students, and all NEW to the college Year 10 - 13 students.

NB: Unfortunately, due to the Covid Red setting, parents and caregivers of our new students are not permitted to join us for the morning of this day.

FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY - ALL YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS.

ON BOTH OF THESE DAYS, STUDENTS SHOULD BRING DEVICES AND SWIMMING GEAR.

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY - WHOLE SCHOOL - YR 9-13

Year 13 Camp: Wednesday 9-11 February

Our Year 13 Student Leadership Camp can still occur under Red settings, however, there has been a small change to the dates that this event will be running. The dates are now Wednesday 9 Feb through to Friday 11 Feb. The Year 13 Dean will be in contact with Year 13s with more detail.

Ka kite ano

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Principal