

Kia ora koutou

I hope that you all enjoyed a change of pace with family and friends over the term break. I wanted to give you an update on what the move to Orange means for our school.

New Zealand moved to the Orange setting just before the end of term 1. The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope.

At the Orange setting we will be returning to our usual 5 period days. Face masks are no longer required. Public health advice is that mask wearing indoors continues to be strongly encouraged for students, staff and visitors to the school. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings.

We also ask that your child continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask— for example, when we are having an assembly in the hall. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that for a period of time students return to wearing masks indoors.

At the Orange setting, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to fewer restrictions and all students returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal. Below is start up information for term 2.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Greg Watson**  
**Tumuaki | Principal**

## Term 2 Start-up Information

### Reporting a positive Covid-19 case

Please continue to notify the school via this google form <https://forms.gle/UmrG84wc8pecUe4NA> if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is a household contact and needs to isolate. You must stay home for 7 days if you test positive. Day zero is when you tested positive and you can return to school on Day 8 if you have no symptoms.

### Entering School

In the morning entry to school will continue to be from the Deans' Gate only. School grounds will be open from 7.45am with the breakfast club open in Learning Extension. Students should not be onsite before this time.

Bikes will continue to be parked in the secure area behind the cricket nets. All students who ride their bikes to school must wear a helmet and walk their bike through the school grounds.

### School Uniform

With colder weather on the way it is important that students are in the correct uniform from the first day of term. Our expectations are outlined below:

#### [MRGS Uniform Regulations](#)

Senior members of staff and House Deans will be checking uniforms as students arrive at school. Entry to school will be via the Dean's Gate in the morning. If there are uniform concerns you will be contacted to ensure that these are addressed for the following day. If whānau need further support please contact your [House Deans](#).

A particular focus will be on:

- Correct footwear - sandals are not permitted
- Regulation jumpers and jackets - no hoodies or puffer jackets
- MRGS hats only
- Facial hair - clean shaven
- Hair styles must be reasonably conventional. Unnatural colours, streaks, highlights or patches of unnatural colour are not permitted.

The uniform shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8am-9am.

Incorrect uniform items worn in school will be **confiscated** and returned to students on Friday after 3.05pm as per the school guidelines.

### Hui ako room changes:

CWNM to C5

SJNW to H8

RSPD to H7

### Year 9 option changes

New time tables for the following Year 9 classes will be delivered to their Hui ako class on Monday: 902, 903, 906, 909, 912, 913, 914, 915.

## Attendance

It was impressive to see our attendance increase rapidly late last term once Auckland was past the peak of Covid-19.

Our expectation is that now we are in the Orange setting, students are onsite full time. Kaiako, Deans and Senior Leaders will be working hard to support students to regularly be at school.

Punctuality is important. Students should be inside the school by 8.55am, ready to begin learning at 9am. Please support your child to be on time each day. Self management skills can be developed through preparing the night before, setting alarms to be ready on time, and ensuring tamariki leave adequate time to travel to school to be ready to learn on time.

## Winter Sport

The winter sports season gets underway with the start of competitions in week 1. The Sports' Department will continue to update the draw as these are made available. We are still seeking parent and community coaching and management support and if you are able to help please contact the Director of Sport Cameron Bitchener for any questions [Cameron.Bitchener@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:Cameron.Bitchener@mrgs.school.nz)

We look forward to a great season ahead for all our teams as students continue their training towards the goals they have set for the year.

## Key Dates

Monday 2 May	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
Thur 12/Fri 13 May	Tahi Showcase
Tue 17 May	<b>Teacher only day (NCEA Accord Day)</b>
Thur 19 May	Pasifika Parent Fono
Mon 30 May - Fri 3 June	Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa (Samoan Language Week)
Mon 6 June	<b>Queen's Birthday</b>
Thur 9 June	Drama Evening
Tue 14 June	Open Day
Wed 22 June	Campus Matariki (at MRPS)
Fri 24 June	<b>Matariki</b>
Wed 29 June - Fri 1 July	Year 13 Production
Thur 30 June	Mentoring 2
Fri 8 July	<b>End of Term 2</b>

## Job Vacancies

Please see [www.seek.co.nz](http://www.seek.co.nz) for the following positions. Both positions require organisational skills and a willingness to learn. We would love to have you join our team.

- Accounts Administrator (37.5 hours per week)
- Food Technician (15 hours per week)