



## 2022 Term 1 Week 1: Years 10-13



Kia ora koutou

We are excited to see you all back next week after what we hope has been a good summer for your whānau.

In this newsletter we have outlined key information for your return. It is good to know that at Red setting, we are able to support everyone learning onsite.

- Wednesday 2 February we will be welcoming our Year 9 students with only Prefects and Peer Mentors required from the senior school on that day.
- Thursday 3 February only year 9s, 10s and 11s will attend, and
- Friday 4 February only year 9s, 12s and 13s will attend. All students will attend from Tuesday 8 February.

In regard to Covid-19 we have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school activities and events this year. You will be familiar with all the health measures we have in place regarding mask wearing unless eating and drinking, sanitising, ventilation, and gathering vaccination data (see page 2). We all need to continue to play our part to minimise the spread of the virus. We may need to roster home groups of students this year in line with capacity of staff to deliver onsite learning. At Red we will keep everyone learning onsite for as long as we can.

We have a contact tracing system in place so that if there is a confirmed case who has been at school while infectious, we can identify who was a close contact of that person. We will then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do. Please make sure your contact details we have on file are up to date, so we can get in contact with you if needed.

We look forward to reconnecting with you all next week.

Ngā manaakitanga  
**Karen Collins**  
Associate Principal

## Entry to School

Entry to school until further notice will be via the Deans' Centre entry on Frost Road only. The Deans' Gate will be open at 8.30am (please do not arrive too early). It is important that you arrive to school BEFORE 9.00am (9.20am on Wednesday) Entry will be supervised by SLT/Deans to ensure the following takes place:

- Hand Sanitizing on arrival.
- Each student is wearing a mask.
- Each student is wearing correct uniform.

When you leave school in the afternoon you will be able to exit via the Deans Gate and Intermediate Gate by the main field. **NOTE:** Students with bikes will need to park behind the Cricket Nets (near the Turf) as there is currently no access to the bike shed.

## Health & Safety

Returning to school under the Covid-19 Protection Framework means there are key public health measures at each Traffic Light that will be put in place at school to keep everyone safe. Please read through these with your child to understand what they can expect at school under the Red Traffic light system.

RED traffic light health measures:

- **Stay home and get tested if you are sick:** if your child has Covid-19 symptoms, they must stay home. Please email the attendance officer Mel Latunipulu on [attendance@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:attendance@mrgs.school.nz) to say they are absent and then call your doctor or Healthline for advice about getting tested. If your child is observed by staff on arrival as sick they will be asked to go home and if they present as unwell throughout the day the nurse will also phone you to inform you they must go home immediately.
- **Masks:** Masks are required to be worn at all times unless eating or drinking. Please ensure your child has a mask and brings this to school every day.
- **Basic hygiene:** good hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette, avoid touching your face and regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces.
- **Vaccination:** Vaccination has been mandated for all our staff members. It is not required for students but remains a key step to gaining more protection against the virus. If your child is vaccinated with either one or two doses please share evidence of this via this google form <https://forms.gle/pJib7X7uPshMk9Lq6> or email [meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:meagan.gaitau@mrgs.school.nz)

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, and in some cases these events will occur online.

Providing good old fashioned fresh air remains the most important thing we can do in our learning spaces to minimise risk for ākonga and kaiako (and the same goes for you at home). We will also be receiving a CO2 monitor in the coming weeks.

We have all seen the very large numbers of cases overseas and we will very likely see much larger numbers of cases in Aotearoa than we have previously experienced in the last two years. While Omicron is more transmissible than previous strains, most people who get Covid-19 will have a mild to moderate illness and will fully recover in their own home.

However, some of our community who are immune compromised, are ill or have other vulnerabilities, even when they are fully vaccinated, could be more affected by Omicron. We all need to continue to play our part to minimise the spread of the virus.

## Devices

Mount Roskill Grammar School is a Bring your Own Device (BYOD) school. We require all students to have access to a device for learning. This has become more urgent now that we are faced with delivering a combination of distance and face to face learning due to the impact of Covid-19.

Since the first lockdowns in 2020 we have an ongoing need to be a school that offers a combination of online and face to face learning for every course so that we are agile in changing circumstances. All teachers use eLearning as part of their courses and therefore every student needs to have access to a device as they are used on a daily basis to access learning activities and resources.

We are able to support families without the means to provide a device, but our resources are limited and the best option for students is to provide a family owned device. Families wishing to access loan devices are asked to provide a \$50 deposit. Please see your student's House deans if you are not able to pay a deposit. A signed Loan Agreement is required to access MRGS devices. Please print this agreement and bring it to school. The agreement is duplicated so families can keep a copy for themselves and provide one for the school. [MRGS Device Loan Agreement 2022](#)

Our IT support provider New Era Technology in partnership with Acquire has created an online School BYOD Program portal to support families in choosing a BYOD device and accessories. The following link shows a range of devices that are suitable for school use. Families are not obligated to buy from this provider but it may be useful to see the device recommended as suitable. Mt Roskill Grammar - Recommended BYOD Devices acquire.co.nz) <https://newera-byod.acquire.co.nz/byod?school=mt-roskill-grammar>

## Uniform

The uniform shop is currently open and the hours are below.  
Stationery can be obtained online through Office Max.

### ***Uniform and Stationery Shop Opening Hours***

January 28th 8.00am - 4.00pm  
January 31st – SCHOOL CLOSED (Auckland Anniversary)  
February 1st 8:00am to 6.00pm  
February 2nd 8:00am to 10:00am  
February 3rd - 10th 8:00am to 9:00am  
February 6th - SCHOOL CLOSED (Waitangi Day)  
February 10th - Normal Hours will resume (see [here](#))

## Key Dates: Term 1

### **Wednesday 2nd February**

**Entry to school via Intermediate gate (near the roundabout)**

**Powhiri - Year 9, New students, Prefects, Peer Mentors (all other Year 13s - first day now Friday)**

8.15am - All Prefects and Peer Mentors to the field  
9.00am - Year 9 and new students meet on the front field entry via Intermediate gate.  
9.30am - Pōwhiri start  
10.00am - Year 9 Induction Programme - Year 9 students only and Peer Mentors  
2.00pm - End of school day

#### Thursday 3rd February

##### Entry to school via Deans Gate

##### **Year 9 Induction Day 2 (all Year 9 and Peer Mentors)**

**Year 10/11 students only** on timetable (Year 12/13 at home)

9.00am - Hui Ako  
3.00pm - End of school day

#### Friday 4th February

##### Entry to school via Deans Gate

##### **Year 9 Induction Day 3 (all Year 9 and Peer Mentors)**

**Year 12/13 students only** on timetable (Year 10/11 at home)

9.00am - Hui Ako  
3.00pm - End of school day

#### Monday 7th February

Waitangi Day - School Closed

#### Tuesday 8th February

Normal School day

#### Other Key Dates

Thursday 10th February - New Parent's Evening  
Thursday/Friday 10/11th February - Student Photos  
Thursday 24th February - NCEA Excellence Awards  
Tuesday 2nd March - NCEA Information Evening  
Monday 21st - Friday 25th March - Year 13 Camp

**Please note due to Covid-19 regulations some events may be held online, further information will be shared with whānau.**

## School Uniform

Our school uniform identifies us as a school and represents the pride our students have for Mount Roskill Grammar School. To support each student's return to school we would like to outline the uniform expectations. Students should be in correct school uniform on the way to and from school. Our expectations are outlined on our website and can be accessed by using the link below:

<https://www.mrgs.school.nz/school-uniform/>

A particular focus will be on

- Correct footwear - **sandals are not currently part of the MRGS uniform**

- Regulation jumpers and jackets
- MRGS hats only
- Facial hair - clean shaven

Senior members of staff and house deans will be checking uniform as students arrive at school. In Week 1 entry to school will only be via the Deans Centre Gate. 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.

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

## Stationery

Stationery is purchased through Office Max <https://www.myschool.co.nz/>

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## Bell Times for 2022

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY		
First Bell	8.55	
Period 1	9.00 – 9.55	(55)
Period 2	9.55 – 10.50	(55)
Form Time	10.50 – 11.15	(25)
<b>Break 1</b>	11.15 – 11.40	(25)
Period 3	11.40 – 12.35	(55)
Period 4	12.35 – 1.30	(55)
<b>Break 2</b>	1.30 – 2.10	(40)
Period 5	2.10 – 3.05	(55)
Assemblies will be held online in Hui ako whilst at Red Level.		

WEDNESDAY		
Staff PD	8.20 – 9.05	(45)
First Bell	9.15	
Period 1	9.20 – 10.15	(55)
Period 2	10.15 – 11.10	(55)
<b>Break 1</b>	11.10 – 11.35	(25)
Period 3	11.35 – 12.30	(55)
Period 4	12.30 – 1.25	(55)
<b>Break 2</b>	1.25 – 2.05	(40)
Period 5	2.05 – 3.00	(55)