

Kia ora koutou,

I have just received communication from Iona Holsted Secretary of Education who has given the directive that:

.. any staff member or student who may be at high risk of exposure to Novel Coronavirus because they have recently been to China, or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, delay the start of their school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away.

To ensure the safety of our school community, this means that if you have travelled to China and have returned recently, we are requesting that you respectfully volunteer to stay away for the first two weeks of the school year.

Many thanks to those families who have already indicated that they will remain away for a period of time. Please note that the suggested period is 14 days.

I will also be requesting that our international students delay their start for 14 days.

We appreciate your understanding and full cooperation with this and will ensure that we keep lines of communication open with updates.

Please see below for a useful website for information:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation

Ngā mihi

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