



Thames High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga

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Update at Alert Level 1

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

What is changing is we can now look forward to inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities. We are also planning increased numbers of field trips and other excursions.

'Keep it Real Online' campaign

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification are running this campaign from Monday 8 June through to the end of July.

This campaign is about supporting parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming. You might see some ads on TV or hear about it on the radio. Check out this great resource to see how we can help our young people stay safe online.

Parents and caregivers can find information including tips on how to have conversations with their kids at: www.KeepitRealOnline.govt.nz

Powhiri for our new Tumuaki/Principal

On **Friday 19 June** we will be having our powhiri to officially welcome and hand over of Matua Michael Hart from Botany Downs College to Thames High School / Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga as our new Tumuaki/Principal.

As a result the whole school will be involved in the powhiri, and then taiohi/students will be released to go home at 1.00pm. The Tairua/Pauanui and Thames Coast buses will run at the earlier time of 1.10pm, with the other buses leaving at their normal time.

Whānau are more than welcome to join the powhiri which will start at 12.30pm and conclude at approximately 1.00pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience and if you have any pātai/questions then please feel free to contact the school.

School Mufti Day - Friday 26 June

This Mufti Day is in support of CanTeen NZ (supporting young people with cancer). Students choosing to wear mufti should bring a \$2 gold coin and hand this into their Rōpū or Whānau kaitiaki on Friday morning.

This is for a good cause so your support in this kaupapa is very much appreciated.

The dress code for Mufti Day is:

- Clothing, although casual, must be appropriate for a college environment



- No slogans referring to smoking, alcohol and drugs, any sexual connotations;
- The mid-section of the body is to be covered and any taiohi/student wearing a skirt or shorts (deemed inappropriate will be required to wear one provided by the school). All skirts and shorts should be at least mid-thigh in length i.e. no midi/mini skirts or short shorts.
- Footwear is to be smart/casual. School shoes will be issued to taiohi/students who wear inappropriate footwear. Suitable footwear i.e. enclosed shoes must be worn for practical classes (Health & PE, Science and Technology)
- The normal standards of hair colour apply, so please do not colour your hair for this day
- Do not bring any props or costumes, as they be inappropriate or be distraction to learning in the classroom e.g no onesies, no themed outfits or costumes
- No bandanas are to be worn.

Should clothing that is not acceptable be worn we reserve the right to ask students to change either into provided school uniform if available, or the items may be corrected with the help of caregivers / whānau. For consistency, decisions about what does and does not meet the standards above will be decided by members of the Senior Leadership Team.

THS Sport at Alert Level 1

All winter codes will have a shortened season, with competitions likely to start from the beginning of Term 3 - 20 July 2020.

Teams are getting back into trainings and fitness this week or next.

Our sports exchange with Northcote College will be held on 22 September, with Thames High students travelling to Northcote this year.

A decision has also been made to incorporate our sports prizegiving with the senior academic prize giving this year. This is due to the limited number of events and competitions held, on account of COVID-19.

Please continue to check the school calendar for up and coming sports events: starting with 3 badminton tournaments hosted by THS in Term 3.

If any students are wanting to know more about a team or individual sporting opportunity, please email sport@thameshigh.school.nz

As always, I invite and welcome comments. Please email me (principal@thameshigh.school.nz) or call me (07 868 8688)

Ngā mihi
Matua Michael Hart
Tumuaki/Principal

Key dates

Fri 19 June	Powhiri for Matua Michael Hart
Fri 26 June	Muffi Day
Fri 3 July	Catch Up Day & Last Day of Term 2
Mon 20 July	Term 3 begins
Mon 10 Aug	Photolife Sports photos
Tues 11 Aug	Year 8 Open Evening
Sat 19 Sept	General Elections - voting centre in THS Hall
Fri 25 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 begins
Sat 17 Oct	THS Senior School Ball
Wed 11 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
Mon 16 Nov	NCEA external exams start
Wed 25 Nov	Teacher Only Day - no classes for junior students
Fri 11 Dec	Junior Prizegiving and Last Day of Term 4

