



28th January 2022

Welcome back to the 2022 school year

We trust you have had a refreshing break and time to get out and enjoy this beautiful summer weather.

While it is unfortunate (but not unexpected) that we start our school term under COVID Red level requirements we look forward to having ALL our students back to start the school year next Wednesday (2nd February). We can assure you that the staff and school are fully prepared for the required safety and hygiene requirements at this level. This includes all our staff being fully vaccinated, wearing masks in class for Year 3-6, classrooms fully ventilated as well as no mixing of large groups inside the hall or classrooms. Physical distancing will be encouraged between any groups where practicable. We hope that you have taken the opportunity to have your child complete their first vaccination.

At red level - Information for parents:

- Adults should not enter school grounds unless essential.
- Adults must wear a medical level mask and sign in using the COVID tracer APP if entering the school office.
- Keep your child home should they be unwell. Students with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) must get a COVID -19 test and remain at home until a negative result is received and they are symptom free for 24 hours.
- Your child is also required to stay at home if they have been in close contact with anyone identified as having Omicron. Alert the school office immediately in this situation.
- Should you choose for your child NOT to return to school we are **unable to offer distance learning** (as occurred during lockdown levels). This is because teachers' primary focus is on teaching students who are present at school. The Albany 'learning at home resources' have been updated (refer [link](#)) and you may still access your Mathseeds (Years 0-2, 2021) and Mathletics (Years 3-5, 2021) account with last year's passwords until new subscriptions are requested in February. This will be advised in your school statement sent to you in February.
- Please email the school office if your child is not returning to school next week through the absence telephone line, School APP or email admin@albany.school.nz, with the reason for their absence.

At red level - information for students:

- Should attend school unless they are unwell.
- Wear a mask in class and on the school bus if Years 3-6, optional use for junior school students.
- [Here is information and a video](#) that may help explain to young children how to safely put a mask on and remove it.

The school Tuckshop / lunch order will not be able to operate this term.

Kelly Club will not be open on Tuesday 1st February, but will re-open on Wednesday 2nd February for before/after school care. Please contact Kelly Club direct for bookings.

Further information regarding red level requirements for schools will be updated next week following information for the Ministry of Health and Education.

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday 2nd February.

Together in learning

Maree Bathurst
Principal



What does **RED** look like at Albany



Students

- Mask use is compulsory for students in Y3/4 and Y5/6.
- Physical distancing and classroom bubbles are in effect.
- Regular sanitising when entering and leaving the classroom is required.
- Any sign of sickness must be reported to the office immediately.

Whole School

- No assemblies or large gatherings of over 100 students.
- All classrooms and work spaces are ventilated throughout the day.
- Large activities should not go ahead unless held outside with hygiene measures in place.
- No Tuck Shop
- Students over 12 must be masked if travelling by school bus

Parents and Visitors

- Parents may enter school grounds to drop off and collect their children. They must be masked and have scanned in.
- All visitors report to reception with their MVP.
- All visitors should be masked.
- Helpers accompanying school trips must have provided their MVP to the school.

TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE:

Refer to our school [website](#) for translations in Mandarin, Korean and Afrikaans of this document

TERM 1 2022—Dates subject to change
Initial dates for Term 1

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 14TH APRIL

2nd February	Term 1 starts, 8.55am—2.55pm
7th February	Waitangi Day observed, public holiday, school closed
15th February	Year 5/6 camp parent information meeting, 6.00pm
15th February	Year 5/6 Millennium waterwise (Areas 28, 29, 30, 32)
16th February	Year 5/6 Millennium waterwise (Areas 22, 31, 39, 40)
16th February	Year 4 camp parent information meeting, 6.00pm
17th February	Board meeting, 6.00pm
17th February	Year 5/6 Millennium waterwise (Area 21)
23rd February	Partnership meetings, 3.30pm-5.30pm
24th February	Partnership meetings from 1.00pm, school closed from 12.30pm
28th February	Teacher only day, school closed for students
8th—9th March	Year 4 Camp 1 (Areas 24, 25, 26, 27, 37, 38)
10th—11th March	Year 4 Camp 2 (Areas 14, 15, 16, 19, 20)
16th—18th March	Year 5/6 Carey Park Camp (Areas 28, 29, 32)
28th—30th March	Year 5/6 Camp 2 (Areas 21, 22, 31)
28th—29th March	Year 3 EOTC experience
30th March—1st April	Year 5/6 Camp 3 (Areas 30, 39, 40)
14th April	Term 2 finishes, 8.55am—2.55pm

2022 DATES

TERM 2

MONDAY 2ND MAY – FRIDAY 8TH JULY

Public holidays: Queen's Birthday – Monday 6th June, Matariki – Friday 24th June

Teacher only (Accord) day: Friday 3rd June

Student led conferences: Thursday 30th June (half day closure)

TERM 3

MONDAY 25TH JULY – FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Student led conferences: date to be confirmed (half day closure)

TERM 4

MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER (end date subject to change)

Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 24th October

Half day closure Friday 16th December



We are looking forward to our upcoming camp experiences.

Information has already been forwarded to parents/ caregivers of students in levels 4, 5-6.

To access this information refer our school website:
[camp information](#)