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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As you know at Phase 3 of the Omicron response, positive covid cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate. Already this has made an impact on how we manage teaching and learning at school. As of this morning, 1 staff member has tested positive and 5 staff members are now household contacts. The isolation period has now changed to 7 days for staff and students.

The current situation has made more of an impact on staffing and the learning programmes in the Middle School and the Senior NCEA part of the school. In response to this, the decision has been made for all students in Years 7 to 10 to learn from home for all of next week. Monday 14 March to Friday 18 March. NCEA students (in Years 11 to 13) are expected to be at school next week.

Next week only the Primary School, years 1-6 and NCEA students in years 11-13 will be on site.

Today students will be coming home with their Individual Learning folders, for Learning at Home. All work is to be done on the paper hard copies provided. The learning tasks are based on current learning in classes and individual learning needs, and cover topics and subjects being studied. For the most part the tasks are more practice and skill building activities than new learning. Students have gone through their folders with their teachers this morning and I think we have the individual level of difficulty about right.

It is expected that students attempt all tasks, finish a minimum of 3 and keep a regular routine of learning going each day. Your support would be great.

Pastoral teachers will be in touch with you next week.

Regards

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School Leader