

TAURANGA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers.

As we head into our final six weeks of the school year, it is timely that we update you with some important information. I have been working with my Leadership Team to plan the end of the year to give our students as many opportunities as possible. This is proving to be a challenge, as we navigate a number of Covid restrictions.

A reminder to please make sure we have your updated address and mobile phone number(s) if these have changed since enrolment.

COVID Vaccination Mandate for Staff and Adults at School:

As at 11.59pm on Monday 25 October the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order for Mandatory Vaccinations for Education came into effect.

[Find the COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Vaccinations\) Amendment Order \(No 3\) 2021 here.](#)

The requirements and who they apply to

Everyone who works for a school or kura who may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present must have had **a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022**. This means that unvaccinated staff/regular volunteers etc (see below for list) will be unable to be on our school site from the 16th November until they have their first vaccine.

From 1 January 2022, schools and kura must only allow those that are fully vaccinated to provide onsite services. This includes:

- principals
- teachers
- relief teachers and casual staff
- administration staff
- caretakers and cleaners
- contractors and other tradespeople
- service managers
- caregivers and other staff.

It also includes unpaid workers, such as volunteers and any members of the community who are regularly on site during a time when children and students may be present.

The vaccination requirements apply at school and also at school camps and trips, swimming pools, museums, or where other education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes take place. This means that both school staff and volunteers who are involved in EOTC should have had a first vaccination by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

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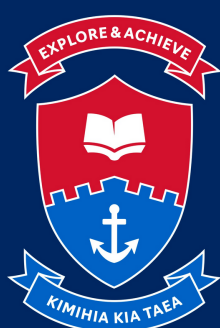
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The vaccination requirements **do not** apply to those who are onsite when children and students are not present (such as a contractor who is performing maintenance during the weekend or over a term break). The requirements also do not apply to people who are briefly visiting our school, such as for a learning conference or a parent, whānau and community evening. Tauranga Intermediate will continue to follow government guidelines around COVID restrictions relating to the numbers of people we are able to have on site.

As a school, we are working on establishing systems to check the vaccination status of our **regular visitors and volunteers**. In the meantime, if you are a regular visitor to the school, coach a team, plan on attending camp or helping with a school trip, you will need to get your vaccination record ready to show us when we ask for it. **One-off visitors will not be asked to show their vaccination status at this time.**

All regular staff are in the process of providing evidence of their vaccination status to the Principal and this will be held on file and kept confidential.

Please note that this mandate does not relate to children. Our stance on vaccinations for students (aged 12 and over) remains that this is a whānau decision. Staff at Tauranga Intermediate will refer students that raise the subject of vaccines for themselves, to speak with their parents about this, as it is a personal decision.

However, as Direction issued by the Secretary for Education under the Education and Training Act 2020 Schedule 25, Clause 3, requires all registered schools who enrol students over the age of 12 years to maintain an up-to-date register with the COVID-19 vaccination status of these (eligible) students, More information on this will follow in the near future.

Dance NZ Made National Champions

Last weekend a team of seven Tauranga Intermediate girls made their way to Palmerston North to compete in the Dance NZ Made National Championship.

We are extremely proud to inform you that the team walked away with the title of Year 7/ Year 8 National Champions. The students in the team were Kate, Pippa, Eva and Emma from Totara House, Naera and Tatianna from Rimu House and Olivia from Tanekaha House. Thank you to Chloe Gisby, from Aquinas College who gave up her time to work with the girls to polish and refine their performance.

Tatiana also competed in the Year 8 solos, placing first overall. Naera competed in the Year 7 solo competition and placed third. The girls worked tremendously hard to achieve these national titles and represented our school beautifully.



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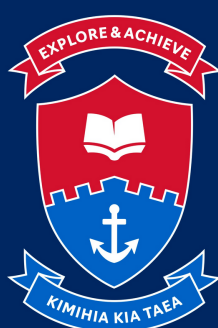
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Ultimate Relay

Last Friday, despite the threat of early rain, we held our annual Ultimate Relay. The day was a fantastic occasion with house spirit on display.

Information Evening

Last Wednesday we held our Information Evening via Zoom for new whānau joining Tauranga Intermediate in 2022. We had 100 whānau groups join us for this which was fantastic. We plan to hold another Information Evening for any whānau who missed out, at 6.30p.m on Tuesday 9th November. A Zoom invitation will be sent to all of our contributing schools.

New Website

If you haven't had the chance to check out our new Tauranga Intermediate School website, it can be found here www.tauranga-int.school.nz. It contains a range of updated information that whānau, students and visitors should find very useful.



**Ngā mihi nui,
Cameron Mitchell**

COMING UP TERM 4:

Week 4:

- Monday 8 November - Discus & HighJump
- Tuesday 9 November - Y7 Athletics Day/**TIS Zoom Open Evening #2 (online)**
- Wednesday 10 November - Y8 Athletics Day
- Thursday 11 November - Athletics Finals Day
- Friday 12 November - **Teacher Only Day - school closed**/WBOP Volleyball Tournament

Week 6:

- Thursday 25 November - TBC Orientation and TGC Orientation Days - **To Be Confirmed**

Week 7:

- Tuesday 30th November - 11.30am Sports Prizegiving - Recipients only
- Thursday 2 December - 10.30am Rā Makete (TIS Market Day)

Week 8:

- Tuesday 7th December - Year 8 Celebration 1:30-3pm
- Thursday 9th-Friday 10th December - Water Fun and Sports Extravaganza

Week 9:

- Monday 13 December - House Picnic Day
- Tuesday 14 December - Final Assemblies
9.30 am Year 7 **Recipients Only**
11.30 am Year 8 **Recipients Only**
- Wednesday 15 December - Final School Assembly and **School concludes at 12.00 noon**
- Thursday 16 December - TIS Secondhand Uniform Sale

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