



YOUR PASS TO YOUR POTENTIAL

# PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

21 January 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa

## Re: Important Updates

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we greet you before we begin our 2022 year. Nō rēira ka mihi ki a koutou katoa ngā Kaitiaki o PASS.

Further to our first 2022 newsletter, we wish to bring you some very important updates to be noted.

### Reminder School Start Dates:

Our first day of school will be on Tuesday 1st February at 8am sharp with a Powhiri (official Māori welcome) for our new students. New students and families are to gather in front of the main entrance car park while current PASS students are to gather inside the wharekai (dining hall). Our first week will focus on connecting with one another through our values, culture and academic expectations.

School Uniforms: All students are to be in full summer uniform from day one. Please contact the office if you have any uniform needs.

Immunisation Updates: All students are required to provide the school with immunisation updates including COVID. It is not mandatory for students to be COVID vaccinated, however it is mandatory to advise the school whether students are vaccinated or not. Please notify the office urgently if you have not yet advised us of this information.

Secondary Sports Vaccination Mandate: Recently, the College Sports Association mandated that all students who wish to participate in college sports must be fully vaccinated. We understand this will be difficult news for some, but this is a decision that is made by the larger body of college sports. Therefore, we regret to advise that in order for PASS to participate in college sport, we can only team players who are fully vaccinated.

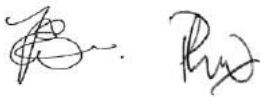
Term 1 PASS Sports Organisation: Senior volleyball, waka ama and touch rugby sports will begin immediately when school starts. However, practices hope to begin next week. Therefore,

it is important that those wishing to participate in these sports email Matua [Ben Saipele](#) our sports coordinator immediately. Students must provide evidence of full vaccination to the office to be considered. Sports teams will only go ahead if there are enough students to participate. Therefore, please make contact [bens@pass.school.nz](mailto:bens@pass.school.nz) or [office@pass.school.nz](mailto:office@pass.school.nz).

New Omicron Virus Updates: We understand that many of you will be watching the Omicron updates which may cause some anxiousness. Note that the school Board and management team is also monitoring the progress to ensure that we are prepared for both [Orange](#) and [Red](#) Traffic Light restrictions according to the Ministry of Health guidelines. Note that we will ensure we do our best to keep safe measures at school, but we also need COVID immunisation information from you if you haven't advised us already. If you have any queries, please contact the [office](#).

Once again, we look forward to beginning our new year and meeting you all,

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa



Ala'imalo Falefatu and Parehuia Enari  
Co-principals