



YOUR PASS TO YOUR POTENTIAL

PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

4th January 2022

Mālō e lelei our dear PASS fāmilī,

Re: Red Traffic Lights at PASS Update - End Week 1

Congratulations on an excellent start to the term and we wish to thank the staff and students for being diligent and flexible under the Red Traffic Lights system at school.

As promised in our last update dated 28th January, 2022, we provide you with this week's update.

Ventilation

The Ministry of Education inspected our junior teaching block and confirmed they are not ready for use under the Red Restrictions. They are working on obtaining and installing air purifying systems into our teaching spaces as soon as possible, therefore, all classes will be shared and operated out of our senior block until the air systems are in place.

Wellness Checks

All PASS members on site were well and following the covid-19 hygiene guidelines. Those with symptoms either stayed home or were sent home. We request that those with covid-19 symptoms get tested before returning to school.

Thank you for your diligence in this area, working together will help to keep each other safe. Please contact the office promptly if your son or daughter is going to be away.

Face coverings

Thank you for sending your son's/daughters with their own masks. If anyone forgets, they can come and ask for one at the office.




Talanoa Ako - Covid-19 Parent Consultation Fono

Last night a number of parents attended the online Q&A fono regarding the Red Restrictions at school and at home. It was an excellent opportunity for parents to be informed on the school's plan, and there was support for the following plans the school has put into place. If you were unable to attend last night's fono and wish to make a query, please email office@pass.school.nz

Red Light Planning

Based on our previous and successfully proven experiences in Lockdown L4 in 2021, staff members designed 3 teaching and learning models to guide our movements during the Red Restrictions; ***Waka Hourua, Waka Ute and Waka Ama.***

The models are designed for the school to make quick decisions if ever we are impacted by the covid-19 virus at any time so we can move seamlessly between face to face learning at PASS through to full time online learning at HOME.

<p>Waka Hourua Provides power and distance</p>	 <p>Provides Face to Face and online teaching for ALL students at PASS.</p>
<p>Waka Ute Small war canoe, good for missions</p>	 <p>Provides Face to Face teaching and Online independent learning for students, at PASS and at HOME.</p>
<p>Waka Ama Balanced waka - provides speed & agility</p>	 <p>Provides a balanced ONLINE programme of "live" lessons or Online independent tasks for ALL students at HOME.</p>

How and when will we know which waka we are using?

Due to the unpredictable nature of covid-19 and the evolving decisions of the government, *the school will advise you at the end of the week if there are any changes for the following week.*

What will PASS do if there is a positive case?

PASS is a small school with many shared spaces. In consultation with parents and the school Board of Trustees, in the event of the school getting a confirmed case, PASS will move to Waka

Ama immediately the next day; online learning at HOME and will be guided by the Ministry of Health procedures.

Students who do not have their own device to work on at home, will be able to take a school device home. Students who do not have internet access at home, must advise us asap to get connected and will be provided with work booklets to take home.

Schools are required to follow contact tracing steps for any positive cases, therefore it is imperative that students and families advise the school if they are absent from school. Ensure your contact details and immunisation records are up to date.

Preparing for COVID-19 Contact or Cases at Home

Refer to the information provided in the last newsletter regarding self-isolation, food packages and other support.

Next Week's Plan of Action:

1. PASS is open for all students on Tuesday 8th February. It is important to note that students and staff will spend the week testing the timetable and the shared classroom spaces.
2. All PASS members must follow COVID-19 health restrictions and stay at home if unwell and get tested.
3. Parents and essential visitors to school are requested to follow distancing procedures, scan and sign in at the office if you must enter the building.
4. If your son/daughter is unable to attend school, please inform the office - (09) 276-0375
5. For any further queries, contact the office or your village parent.

Mauri tū, mauri ora!

Ala'imalo Falefatu and Parehuia Enari
Co-principals