



YOUR PASS TO YOUR POTENTIAL

PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

8th June 2022

Talofa lava

Re : PASS wellness update

Over the past 2-3 weeks, students and staff have been overwhelmed with sicknesses of all sorts, including omicron. Many staff have fallen ill in increasing numbers, and those who are well have managed to keep the learning programmes running smoothly. Students have also been amazing at keeping focused on being at the right place, at the right time with the right equipment and attitude.

The past week has presented an omicron outbreak involving 8 students and 5 staff members who are all isolating at home. This does not include the 20 or so students and staff who are at home with chronic flu or tummy bugs.

Although it is admirable for staff to continue serving the school in this way, there are many challenges that come with it such as the lack of relief teachers to fill gaps. We also note that this is not a PASS problem, this is an ongoing issue across schools in Auckland and Aotearoa.

Therefore, we wish to advise that we are preparing for the 'waka ute' model of learning whereby some students may be required to remain at home for distant learning. This is not ideal, but the plan will only be considered for activation if we get to a point where we are not able to cope with high staff absences.

There are some key tasks we ask of kāinga/whānau to help us to stay fully open:

1. Keep students home if they are sick
2. Always monitor covid symptoms of the whole whānau
3. Pick up RAT tests or masks, hand sanitisers from PASS if you need them
4. Ensure that your HOME internet connection/wifi is working. If not, contact PASS for support
5. Advise PASS if you have any medical or basic needs that you need help with
6. If you are a community services card holder, contact Jeanie if you need any support
7. If you are struggling with transport to school, contact Jeanie

Kia kaha, kia manawanui,

Ala'imalo Falefatu and Parehuia Enari
Co-principals