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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

You may have seen the latest news that the Ministry of Education is giving Auckland Secondary School Principals the flexibility in allowing Year 12 and Year 13 students to return physically to school in Alert Level 3. We have assessed the possible impact on our community, Covid restrictions, and the Health and Safety requirements that need to be place to consider this action. As such, Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Senior School **will not** open the school for senior students for face to face learning at this time.

As a school, we feel that the health and wellbeing of our students and staff are our top priority. We will not take unnecessary risks that could compromise the health of our community. We are also mindful of some of the stresses placed on learning areas, particularly in the practical subjects, and we will continue with our planning in ensuring our students are able to reach their academic potential regardless of the current situation.

I want to thank you for your support on this matter and for your continued encouragement of your child's learning. Our teachers feel supported by your actions of regularly checking on your child's learning progress and even sitting with them in their online classes.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding in our decision to comply with the restrictions of Alert Level 3. The school will always consider the wellbeing of our community first.

Kia Haumaru, kia manaakitanga,

Kiri Turketo

Tumuaki | Principal