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Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

Thank you for your help and support of your child, and for the school in what can only be described as a challenging start for all.

As you know, we have been thinking about the best way to try and minimise the impact of Covid on fieldtrips and extra-curricular activities (sporting and cultural activities).

One of the main issues has been the Covid Vaccine status of the students. We know we are not legally required to see evidence of the vaccination status of a student. Nor will we, or could we exclude a student from educational/curriculum opportunities based on their vaccination status.

However, your child may wish to take part in extra-curricular activities that do require evidence of their vaccine status, such as sports teams in competitions, tournaments, or cultural events. These gatherings and events may be governed under the Traffic Light Framework outside of the educational guidelines that we work under.

Information about your child's Covid-19 immunisation/s will be recorded in our Covid Immunisation register on our Student Data System but will only be used to support their involvement in these extra-curricular activities that require evidence of Covid Vaccine Pass under the current Traffic Light System.

Be assured that we do appreciate that this can be a difficult issue for all. Our aim is to minimise this information having to be requested from you multiple times. The register will also ensure only those in the school that have a justified reason to use the information will be able to access this private information about your child. Therefore, we would appreciate if you help us by filling in the following form and returning it to your Academic Tutor.

Ngā mihi,

Yvonne Browning
Principal

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**Please return the slip below to your child's AT.**

**Child's name: _____**

**My child is vaccinated:**

☐ **Yes** **1st dose date: _____**
**2nd dose date: _____**

☐ **No**

☐ **Prefer not to disclose**

**Parent's Signature _____**

*This information will be used for extracurricular activities.*