



TE WHARE WĀNANGA O  
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**Kia ora whānau,**

**I hope this video message finds you all safe and well.**

We know these are different times that we are operating in, so I thought a regular video update would be helpful over the next few weeks to stay connected and maintain the flow of information to all our taura and kaimahi at home due to COVID-19.

It's been a week since we officially shifted to Alert Level 4. I hope you are all keeping safe and well – physically and mentally.

The uncertainty that comes with not knowing when this pandemic will come to an end can be worrying. It's ok to be worried, and I encourage you to take the time to look after yourselves, especially your mental wellbeing. If you need additional support, you can call or text 1737 – where you'll be able to talk to a trained counsellor for free.

We have received a few pātai from both kaimahi and taura around expectations over the next few weeks, so I wanted to use this time to talk to a few specific points.

The first point is that there continues to be no delivery of classes through to Wednesday 22 April.

Up until then, our kaimahi will be working hard to ensure we are ready for online delivery of your programmes, where this is possible, from Thursday 23 April, regardless of whether Alert Level 4 is lifted or not.

I should also mention that, if Alert Level 4 is lifted, and to ensure we are taking all the right precautions, it is likely we will not open our Campus sites straight away and classes may still need to be delivered online for some time. So, ensuring we can deliver programmes online by then is our priority over the next few weeks.

While we will not be delivering any programmes through to Wednesday 22 April, we are encouraging taura to reflect on or revise work already completed to date, and if possible to work their way through any prescribed readings or videos, and complete any assignments already assigned, for example, essays.

Our kaiako are also available via email to answer any pātai our taura have.

To all our taura, I encourage you to also please stay enrolled in your programmes. It is really important not to make any quick or reactive decisions to withdraw from your study. StudyLink payments of allowances and loans are continuing as normal, so there is no need to cancel your studies.

As Chief Executive, I want to reassure you that we are committed to ensuring we can deliver the best teaching and learning experience we can to our taura.

I will continue to keep you updated via email, Facebook and our website. I also encourage you to take a look at the COVID-19 FAQs on our website for further information.

Lastly, but most importantly, please keep safe and follow all the official Government advice. Stay home, look out for one another, manaakitanga and kaitikaitanga during this time is important, now more than ever.



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It's important that everyone does their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

If you have any pātai, please don't hesitate to contact your kaiako or send us an email at [ssc@wananga.ac.nz](mailto:ssc@wananga.ac.nz)

Thank you to all of the Awanuiārangi community for your support.

**Nō reira e te whānau ko te tūmanako kei te noho pai koutou i waenganui i o koutou whānau. Ko te tūmanako mā te runga rawa tātau katoa e manaaki i ēnei wā. Nō reira noho ora mai, kia ora tātau.**