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At 3pm today the Prime Minister announced Cabinet's decision to extend Alert Level 4 for the whole country until 11.59pm on Tuesday 24 August.

This means the University will remain in online mode until the mid-Semester break begins on Friday 27 August, as previously communicated. Our campuses will remain closed until then, except for the essential activities and services outlined in the [University's Operation at different alert levels web page](#).

### **Preparing for cases in the University community**

With the number of '[locations of interest](#)' increasing every day, some of our students and staff have already been identified as close or casual contacts of a confirmed case. The University is well prepared for this, with detailed processes in place to manage the situation. We encourage all students to get vaccinated when eligible and to get a Covid-19 test if required to do so.

### **Technology support**

As we did last year, the University is providing laptops and wifi connections to students who need technology support while studying from home. We can now confirm that couriers are able to deliver the equipment in Alert Level 4, so all approved requests will be collected by the couriers starting from next Monday 23 August. [Information on how to request technology support is available on the website](#).

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki. Have a good weekend.

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