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This afternoon the Prime Minister confirmed Cabinet's decision to move Auckland to Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm tomorrow, Tuesday 21 September, for a period of at least two weeks. The rest of the country remains at Alert Level 2, including our Tai Tokerau campus in Whangārei. These settings will be reviewed by Cabinet on Monday 4 October.

This is welcome news after five weeks in full lockdown. And whilst our Auckland campuses remain closed, and we continue in online mode until further notice, Alert Level 3 does allow more flexibility for on-campus activities compared to Alert Level 4. These activities are still severely limited with only staff and students specifically authorised to access campus being allowed to do so. If you do not have permission to be on campus, please stay at home. More details about University operations at Alert Level 3 are available at this [website](#).

### **Academic support for students**

Today I responded to questions submitted by the Auckland University Students' Association (AUSA) on academic support for students in the light of Covid-19 disruptions this year. You can read the [University's decisions and rationale on the website here](#). I would like to acknowledge and thank AUSA President Anamika Harirajh and the team at AUSA for their constructive and positive engagement with the University on these issues.

Noho ora mai  
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