



## MT ROSKILL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora koutou,

On Monday this week, the Secretary for Education took the decision to direct schools and other education providers in Auckland to close because of the weather emergency and the need to reduce traffic on roads.

This initial direction was until the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, which is the last day by which schools must start their term under education regulations.

The Secretary for Education, Iona Holsted, has now lifted the Direction to close.

Having considered this decision, **Mt Roskill Intermediate School has decided to continue to delay opening for students until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February (the day after Waitangi Day).**

This is to allow us to clear the damage and debris resulting from the flooding before students start the school year. The Denbigh Ave Bridge remains closed until a structural safety report has been undertaken. Students can still enter on the concreted bridge pathway running alongside the bridge but vehicle entrance will temporarily only be via Frost Road.

Staff will return to school over the next two days to prepare for students returning to school next week.

Our School office will be open again from 9am tomorrow, Thursday 2nd February.

If you have been impacted by the recent flooding, this may have resulted in your child no longer having a school uniform to start the school year with. If this is the case, please let us know and have your child come to school dressed in plain mufti clothing. We want all students to be able to start back at school without any barriers.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning. Please ensure your child is at school by no later than 8.50am. New students are to meet in the school hall and returning Year 8 students are to go straight to the gym.

Whānau of new incoming students are welcome to attend the Pōwhiri.

Mt Roskill Intermediate School

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