



## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

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St. John's College provides a high quality education for young men, grounded in Gospel values within the Catholic and Marist traditions.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

**2020**

**Due to COVID 19 we have had to postpone and cancel a number of events**

**Friday 27 March**

End of Term 1

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Start of Term 2 (Note: Due to COVID 19) – On-line Learning

**Postponed**

Parent Teacher interviews  
Prospectus Evening

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Queen's Birthday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

St. John's College holiday –  
School closed

**Please check page 5 for more information**

Dear parents and whanau,

Welcome to term two! I hope that you have all had a blessed Easter, and that you and your families have had time to contemplate and reflect on the significance of our Easter devotion.

Please continue to keep Tim Donkin and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Tim has a long and difficult road to recovery and he and his family will need our support.

Term two will be both challenging and interesting for all of us. Whilst we are seeing a reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases, we need to adhere to the advice given to us by the Ministry of Health. It is vital that we all play our part in ensuring that we eradicate this viral infection. The sooner we do this, the sooner we will be able to return to some form of normality.

Please refer to the calendar dates that have been set out in this newsletter, so that you are well informed of the changes that are taking place. As soon as we have more clarity about coming events, we will let you know. There are important events like parent teacher conferences that have been postponed; these will occur later in the term when we are able to safely run them.

Term two will begin on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Mrs Tracy Russell, the Deputy Principal of Curriculum, has outlined in this news- letter the process which you and your sons will need to follow in the coming weeks of lock down. If you have any questions once you carefully read her outline, please feel free to contact her or your son's teacher by email. This mode of remote learning will take time to embed, however I am sure that given Mrs Russell's advice you and your son will be able to successfully move through the assigned work set by his teachers. Much of Mrs Russell's information has been sourced from the latest educational research on remote learning. Teachers have spent a large portion of their recent time setting up resources to begin this process. It is a new mode of teaching which many have not used before. Please ensure that you are patient and cognisant of the challenges that remote and on-line teaching will present.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the best in the coming weeks. It will be a period in our lives that will no doubt shape the way in which we conduct our lives in the future. I am personally looking forward to the day when all my staff and students are back at St. John's and, dare I say it, my first practice with my F-grade rugby team.

God bless,  
Rob Ferreira, Principal

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**TERM TWO starts on  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April –  
It will be Day 1 of the timetable –  
Remote Learning**

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Interim reports were emailed to parents.  
The Parent Teacher conferences have been postponed and we will keep you up to date once the College re-opens

### ONLINE and DISTANCE LEARNING

**Term Two** teaching and learning will start from home on **Wednesday 15th April** and will be Day 1 of the timetable. We will **run the school day as per the timetable**. Teachers will be available online as per their timetabled classes to provide guidance and receive student enquiries. The teachers will set work, establish checkpoints and deadlines for tasks and assessments in a range of ways to suit their subjects. The online communication will be done mostly by email, OneNote or Microsoft Teams.

Senior students have important NCEA tasks or assessments at this time. Please bear in mind that the internal assessment grades may carry extra importance this year; so good time management and communication with the teachers is critical.

Junior students must remember that each unit of work is a stepping stone to build the knowledge required in NCEA courses. They need to complete every set task to the best of their ability and seek help when it is needed.

We will do our best to support the students as we all work from home, awaiting confirmation of when classroom teaching will resume. Whole school communications will happen via Emails, Facebook and our School App until further notice. House teachers and Deans will also be contacting you to see how things are going in this new situation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding online and distance learning, do not hesitate to contact the appropriate teacher, Head of

Department, House Class Teacher or Dean via email. For general queries about the curriculum and NCEA, please contact Mrs Tracy Russell.

### KEEPING SAFE ON LINE

With the need for students to use online learning during the current lockdown the Ministry of Education has provided some advice about ensuring we are keeping our children safe while online. There are some useful links also that may provide more information.

It important that parents, caregivers and whānau discuss internet safety with their children. You should agree with your children what they can do online including sites they can visit and appropriate behaviours including:

- reviewing and approving games and apps before they are downloaded
- reviewing privacy settings of sites and applications
- checking children's profiles and what they are posting online
- check the sites your child is accessing
- reminding children that anything that is posted online will be permanently on the internet
- taking the time to understand what sites they are visiting and who they are talking with and check in regularly
- some social media sites have age restrictions to join, check these before letting your child use them or join them
- monitoring a child's use of the internet and consider having them use it in an open, common area of the house
- making sure your children know to report any activity they don't feel comfortable with to parents and caregivers straight away.

The current lockdown does provide a unique opportunity for families going out together, albeit it close to home, but if your child is going out on their own it's still important to check where they are going.

Netsafe continues to be available to provide parents and caregivers with support for online safety. They have information for parents and caregivers and have pulled together their top tips for online safety during the lockdown.

To report an incident go to Netsafe - <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/reportanincident/>

## **INFORMATION FROM THE COUNSELLORS**

I hope you are all well into preparations for Alert Level 4 of the COVID-19 action plan. One aspect that does concern me about the current crisis is the mental health and well-being of our staff, students and community. If you have a child that is anxious and afraid, it could look more like anger, or irritability, or it might be a low mood or there might be tension in the relationships, please do all you can to assure them that the current state of affairs will pass. The government have put in this plan to help keep us safe. If, however you feel that your son is not coping, please get in contact with our Guidance Counsellors Mr Bill Robertson or Miss Alice Robinson. They can be contacted by email.

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[arobinson@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:arobinson@stjohns.school.nz)

We will send out weekly alerts on St. John's College Facebook and via email with useful hints and tips about staying safe.

In the mean-time have a look at the advice from Nigel Latta. This was an interview he did on TV 1, which gives some practical advice on how to manage your life-style while we are at Alert Level 4. The link is below, or you can get on to TV 1 and type in Nigel Latta and the interview will come up. [Nigel Latta Advice](#)

## **National Sports Calendar**

School Sport New Zealand officially informed us that the National Secondary Schools sports calendar has been postponed indefinitely due to government restrictions regarding the COVID-19 virus. This had an immediate impact upon our Maadi Cup rowers, Waka Ama team and Canoe Polo teams who were all due to compete during summer tournament week.

We are continuing to monitor the constantly changing environment and government regulations with regard to the COVID-19 virus and will make the best decisions for our boys and community. We also know the value of having a physically active and engaged learner at College.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## **CHANGE INTO WINTER UNIFORM – Term 2 – when College re-opens**

The College changes to Winter Uniform in Term 2 and 3. This is the long-sleeve shirt, tucked in and worn with the College tie. Juniors wear their grey shorts and Seniors (Yr 11 upwards) have the option of wearing trousers. Footwear: St. John's College socks and leather school shoes. *Please note that the boys are not to wear canvas shoes.*

We have our own Uniform Shop now at the College.

Please do not contact Kukri direct.

## **ENROLMENT INFORMATION for Yr 8 STUDENTS – 2021**

### **Prospectus Evening - This has been postponed**

Parents, please help us promote our College. With our recent results, we have much to celebrate and promote. **A new date will be advertised**

### **Taste of St. John's Day - Postponed.**

This event is a visit by Year 8 students in Hawke's Bay and Year 6 students from Reignier Primary School. They will visit for the day and view the school in action. **A new date will be advertised**

**Open Day is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020, 6pm. – To be confirmed**

## **MUSIC**

### **INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL TUITION**

Learning a musical instrument is fun and develops coordination, cognition, social as well as dedication and tenacity skills that employers look for.

- Voice, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass, Piano/Keyboard, Guitar and Bass Guitar and Drum Kit. Pipes are available off-site and paid privately.
- In-school tuition is provided free if the student is in Option Music as it is part of the curriculum course. The Year 9 Option Music course runs for two terms hence a half-yearly amount is charged/refunded depending whether he did Year 9 Option Music in the former or latter two terms.

Option Music students DO NOT need to complete a tuition form.

- Tuition is \$250p.a. for students not enrolled in an Option Music course. The fee is pro-rata thus reduces per term throughout the year. The fee can be added to your school account.
- Hiring certain instruments - such as a saxophone, violin or trumpet - is \$100p.a. and pro-rata thus reduces per term throughout the year. The fee can be added to your school account.
- Places are very limited but parents are welcome to complete a form anyway to be placed on the waiting list, then be subsequently notified when a place becomes available.
- Forms are available from the School Office or can be requested by email ([kclews@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:kclews@stjohns.school.nz)) and completed electronically; please complete even if learning privately so he can be involved in groups and gigs.

Any student can join one of the school music groups whether receiving tuition or not. All students are encouraged to form their own groups and utilise the Music School.

We look forward to supporting your son's musical growth. For more information, email Mr Wilson on [cwilson@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:cwilson@stjohns.school.nz).

*Nga mihi Mr Wilson, Director of Music*

### ST. JOHN'S PHONE APP



#### IMPORTANT TO STAY UP TO DATE

It is important that you have our school App. You will be kept up to date via email, School App and Facebook.

If you do not have the App - go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search **School Apps NZ** to download the App to your phone or tablet.

Then it will ask you to search for the school – enter St. Johns College Hastings to download our information. Follow the instructions to subscribe to the appropriate groups and year levels to ensure that you are kept up to date with our alerts and event.

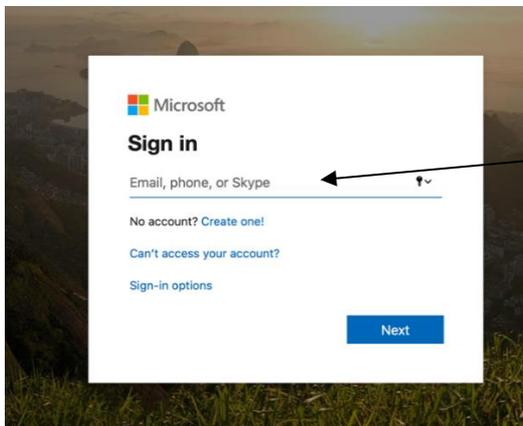
May Jesus watch over us, may Mary be at our side, and may St. John bless us every day.

**Rob Ferreira**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Accessing Microsoft 365

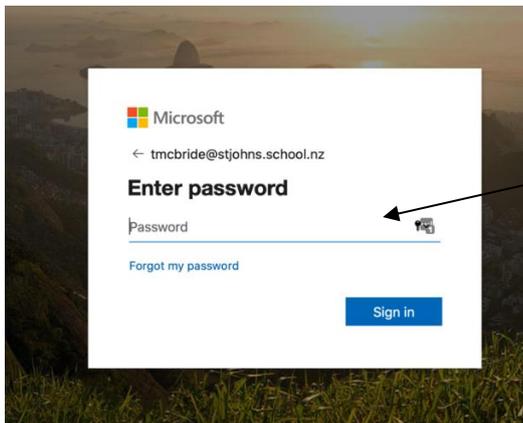
To Access Microsoft 365, students need to do the following:

1. Have an internet connection
2. Login to the MS 365 website. Use the following website address <https://portal.office.com>
3. Students sign in using their school email address and click Next



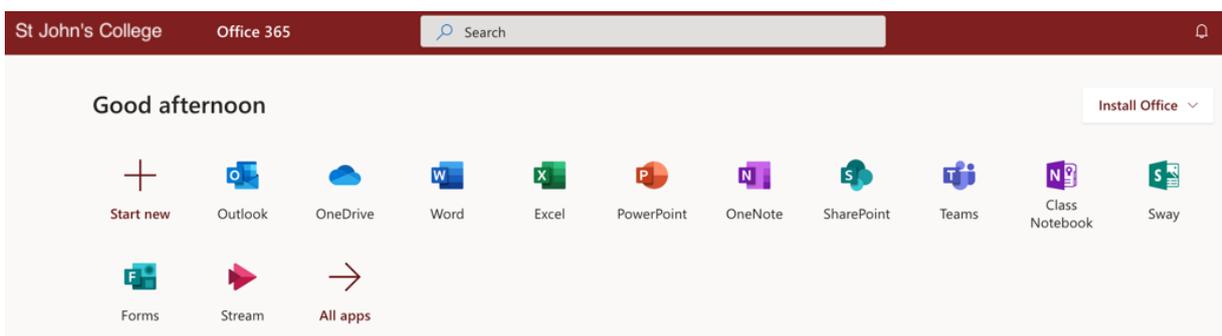
Email address is the students username followed by @stjohns.school.nz. e.g. thomjone@stjohns.school.nz

4. Students put in their school password.



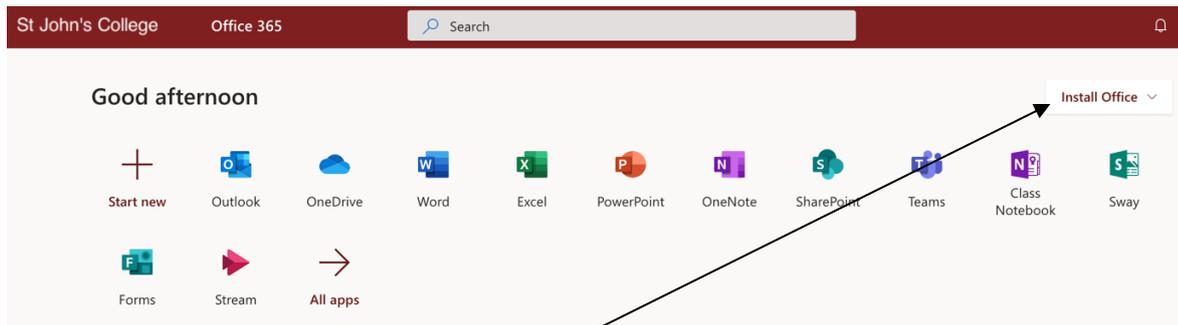
Password given to them at school. If password is forgotten please email cbolton@stjohns.school.nz

5. Student is presented with the MS365 online apps which include his school email app (Outlook).



6. Students can use the online apps and save documents to their onedrive. They will be using OneNote with their teachers but may need to share files in the onedrive with their teachers.

7. Students are able to download the Office suite of desktop apps for free onto their laptop and four other devices should they need to.



**Click here to install the office suite of tools to your laptop**  
**These include OneNote, Word, Excel and PowerPoint**

# SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## Term 2

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts	Online
Wed-Thursday 29/30 April	Parent conferences	Postponed
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Anzac Service Assembly	Cancelled
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Prospectus Evening	Postponed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Alcohol Expo	Cancelled
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Hato Paora Exchange	Cancelled
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	ESTEAM – Yr 8's	Postponed
Tues-Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> May	St Pats Sports Exchange	Cancelled
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 9/10 Social	Postponed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Student Council	Postponed
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Careers Expo	Cancelled
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Bernard's Exchange	TBA
Mon-Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Commerce trip	TBA
Wed-Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Trip	TBA
Sat-Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> June	HB Culinary Arts	TBA
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	School Ball	TBA
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Taste of St. John's Day	TBA
<b>Term 2 Sport</b>		TBA
Thursday period 5	Sport	Postponed

## TERM DATES 2020

### Term One

Friday 31st January – Year 9s and Year 13s only

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – All students

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – **End of Term 1**

**Early Finish due to COVID 19**

### Term Two

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### Term Three

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

### Term Four

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – To be announced

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Thank you to Peter Holley, CEO of the Mission Estate, for your continued support of the College, through your donation of wine. We use the wine as thank you gifts.



We would like to say a big thank you to Paul Paynter from the Yummy Fruit Company for supplying us with fresh fruit for our camps. The students and teachers really appreciate the donation of fresh fruit.