



# St John's College

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

## **UPDATE – LOCKDOWN – LEVEL 4**

As you'll be aware from yesterday's announcement, New Zealand will stay in Alert Level 4 until 11.59pm on Tuesday 24 August, with further decisions to be made on Monday

Due to the continued Lockdown at Level 4, **Online teaching will be suspended on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.** This is to allow Staff the opportunity to access the College site and collect resources as well as photocopy materials so that they can plan for online learning over a longer period of time.

**Online classes as per the timetable will resume on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August.**

All activities planned for Week 5 - 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> August have been postponed.

## **ART AND DVC STUDENTS**

All students of DVC and Art – we will try and deliver your portfolios to your home address as soon as we can. **As we are at Level 4 please do not come to the school to pick them up.** Please continue to work on your other subjects.

I wanted to reassure you that our school staff and board will continue to be available to support your child's learning and wellbeing in the coming days.

We also hope you are doing OK at the moment – but it is also OK if you aren't. As the [Mental Health Foundation of NZ says](#), "it's all right to feel a range of emotions right now. Going into a Level 4 lockdown is a big deal and it brings all sorts of different feelings to the surface, including frustration, worry and even gratitude. However you are feeling, know that you're not alone – we're all going through this together."

If you need to talk, check in with a friend or whānau member, or free call/text 1737 to chat with a trained counsellor. It's free and confidential. There are also [a lot of other supports available to you, your whānau and your community](#) if needed.

You will also understand the importance of routine for your family. If your routine has been shaken up, it's good to structure your time. Routines are reassuring and promote health and physical wellbeing.

For our Pacific families, if you are not aware the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' has been working to ensure useful information is [available to Pacific peoples in nine different languages](#).

A big thank you to all of you for taking the lockdown so seriously – we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives. Breaking the rules could risk someone close to you and if the rules are not complied with, this could risk the lock down period being extended or could risk the virus being spread to thousands.

As always, please let us know if there is anything you need to support you and your tamariki during this time.

If you have any questions please email your son's house teacher or the office – [admin@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:admin@stjohns.school.nz)

**Rob Ferreira**  
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