



St John's College

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Dear parents and whanau – **UPDATE MOVING TO LEVEL 3**

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on 1st September 2021. That means we will be open to receive **Year 9 and Year 10 students** from Wednesday **for essential workers' children only**. We have started to prepare the College.

Supervision will be from 9am – 3pm. Students will have no access to Social Media so will need to bring extra work with them to work outside of on-line learning lessons.

The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child is healthy but in a bubble where there are other family members at risk, e.g. elderly grandparents or a sibling with health issues, please keep him at home. If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.

As we prepare for COVID 19 Alert Level 3 it is important that we gather precise information regarding the students who will be returning to school on the Wednesday 1st September. The message continues to be: Stay home. Save lives.

However, if your son is in Year 9 or Year 10 and care is not available at home due to adults returning to work, there will be supervision provided at our St. John's College site to support you. If you live in Napier and it is essential your son attend school he has the option of attending Sacred Heart College under their rules and regulations.

It is very important that we have an accurate record of which of our students will be attending school from Wednesday 1st September so that we can prepare to ensure their health and safety whilst they are on site. Once the students have opted in, they will be allocated to bubbles on the SJC site. It is essential that you opt in now and once set, the bubbles will not be changed. We will not be able to add more people after the set up.

Please reply to this email (admin@stjohns.school.nz) before 5pm Monday 30 August if you need your son to attend the College during COVID 19 Level 3:

NOTE: Only reply if you need your son to attend.

Clear directions from the Government and Ministry of Education have given us a platform on which to open St. John's College. There will be a number of changes under Alert Level 3 from what we would normally offer when our students come on site to ensure we adhere to the Health and Safety Guidelines:

- **Lessons will continue to be provided in the online distance learning format. Teachers on site will be supervising only, not providing lessons or tutorials.**
- There will be no access to resources on site other than classroom furniture, outside seating area, and toilets due to contamination risks.
- The canteen will not be operational, and no provision is available for the cooking of noodles etc. Lunches and personal water bottles will be required to be brought from home.
- Physical distancing will be enforced. Students will be seated apart in class and no discussion will be encouraged. Students will not be able to mix freely with each other.
- Staggered break times to enable each small bubble of students to remain within their allocated bubble. There will be no free moment between groups of students.

In addition to these new arrangements:

- Students will be expected to be on site for the full school day in school uniform.
- All usual school rules will apply.
- Students own devices and headsets will need to be brought to school so that students can participate in their online classes.

Thanks for your support

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Ferreira". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rob Ferreira
Principal