



St John's College

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COVID UPDATE – Moving to Level 2

Dear Parents and Guardians

The news that all areas of New Zealand outside of Auckland are to move to Alert Level 2 from 11.59pm tonight, Tuesday, 7th September is very welcome. While our thoughts are with those in Auckland who will have to spend a longer period of time under higher Alert Level restrictions, the news shared yesterday showed the positive impact of the sacrifices we have all made over the last few weeks.

The move to Alert Level 2 means that from Thursday 9th September, school will be open for the resumption of face-to-face teacher. We are expecting communication from the Ministry of Education later this morning which will stipulate the Alert Level 2 health protocols for schools. We will communicate the relevant information with you and your son later today once we have had an opportunity to work through the necessary details. Staff will return to school on Wednesday to prepare for the return of our young men on Thursday. As a result, there will be no online learning required for Wednesday. Thursday will be Day 7.

We are back to normal Thursdays - no sports practice. Buses will be running as normal.

Our cleaning and grounds staff returned to work yesterday to begin the preparation for the resumption of face-to-face teaching and we thank them for their efforts in this regard.

It is understandable that some young men and whanau may be experiencing anxiety about the move to Alert Level 2 and a return to school. Hopefully, the declining number of cases detected, and the continuing clear wastewater testing will provide some reassurance

If you have concerned about your son please do make contact with our Counsellors so that they can work to provide support for him.

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Thank you for your continuing support of each other, the school and our wider community during these challenging times

Yours faithfully

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