

St Bernard's College: Update for Parents and Caregivers

COVID Alert Changes: 28th August 2021

Kia ora koutou

As you will be aware New Zealand will remain at COVID Alert Level 4 until midnight on Tuesday 31st August when all areas south of Auckland drop to COVID Alert Level 3. The Alert Level 3 guidance is that students should continue to work from home. Schools will open only for those students whose parents or caregivers need to work and are unable to arrange alternative care for their children. Schools should continue to provide distance learning options for all students.

This means that our College will remain closed for face to face learning but will be open for families of essential workers who have no alternative child care arrangements for their Years 7-10 sons. We will provide supervision for these students while they do their online learning under Level 3 restrictions.

Our plan is to:

1. Find out how many students are likely to come to school for supervision under COVID Level 3. Please click and complete survey by 2pm Monday 30th August if you are planning on sending under son to school during Alert Level 3 [SURVEY](#)
2. Use Wednesday 1st September to clean and prepare part of the school for staff and students working in small bubbles under COVID Level 3 restrictions
3. Open the College on Thursday 2nd September for students who need supervision.
4. Continue to provide online learning for all students.

Further details will come out from the Ministry of Education on Monday so we will send an update regarding Level 3 arrangements late on Monday or on Tuesday.

Other Matters

1. NCEA External Assessment Entries

Prior to lockdown all senior students were in the process of confirming their external entries. An external entry could be an exam or portfolio. We have now moved this process online. If your son is in Y11, 12 or 13 please ask your son to go into his Tutor Class Google Classroom and complete the required digital form (if he has not done this already.) All senior students are required to complete this urgently so we can send accurate information to NZQA.

2. Communication with families

We are expecting wherever possible that our senior students engage with their regular timetabled **Google Meet** with their teachers. If they are having difficulty doing this it is important that they tell us either by email or through **Google Classroom**. Thank you to families who have done this.

3. Rongohia Te Hau Survey's

Thank you to all students and families who have completed the Rongohia te Hau survey online. This survey will assist us to improve the effectiveness of our teaching. If you (students or parents) have yet to complete it, there is still an opportunity to do so. It is very straight forward and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We have had a solid response but would love to have everyone's views. The links will close at the end of next week (Friday the 3rd of September.) Here are the links:

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| <u>SBC student survey 2021</u> |
| <u>SBC whānau survey 2021</u> |

Thank you so much for your support over the last few weeks. We are all hoping and praying that we can be back to face to face learning at school before too long.



Neal Swindells
Acting Principal.