

St Bernard's College: Update 5 for Parents and Caregivers

COVID Alert Changes: 31st August 2021

Kia ora koutou

As you will be aware all of New Zealand south of Auckland will move to COVID Alert Level 3 at midnight tonight Tuesday 31st August. The Alert Level 3 guidance is that schools should continue to provide distance learning options for all students. Students should continue to work from home. Secondary schools will open only for those Year 7-10 students whose parents or caregivers need to work and are unable to arrange alternative care for their children.

For St Bernard's College this means that we remain closed for face to face learning but will be open from Thursday 2nd September 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 with a skeleton staff, while students do their online learning under Level 3 restrictions.

We do need to know how many students to expect on Thursday. If you have not already let us know that you need your son to attend school from Thursday, please do so by emailing office@sbc.school.nz. This will enable us to be properly prepared as the students have to work in bubbles and remain socially distanced. We will email those families, who have indicated that their sons will be attending school, individually, with further information.

Please encourage your sons to continue to engage with their teachers through **Google Classroom**, **Google Meet** and email and to keep up with their work as best they can. Please contact your son's Tutor teacher, Dean or one of our Senior Leadership Team if you require additional assistance. 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.